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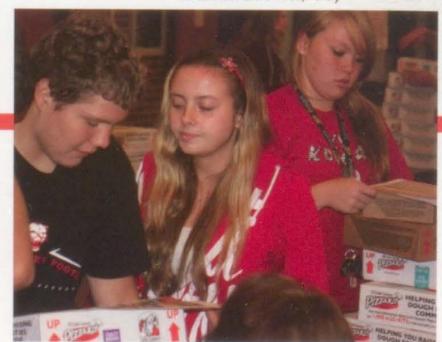
Senior Kelsey Jefferson was crowned as Queen, by former queen, Carli Oney.



Building Trades
Spent many full days building a house.
(Ryan Melendez, 12)

Publication

Students raised money by selling pizza kits. (Tyler Pritt, 9, Tatiana Adams, 10, and Maranda Brown, 11)



Determined

Original

Talented

Adorable

Strong

Fun

Beautiful

Kolor Guard

For their last time performing at home, seniors Kerrie Morenz, Echo Czarnecki, and Courtney Marsh all wore their senior shirts.



Musical

Once Upon a Mattress was a classic musical with a twist. (Jordan Clark, 10 and Taylor Nomanson, 11)

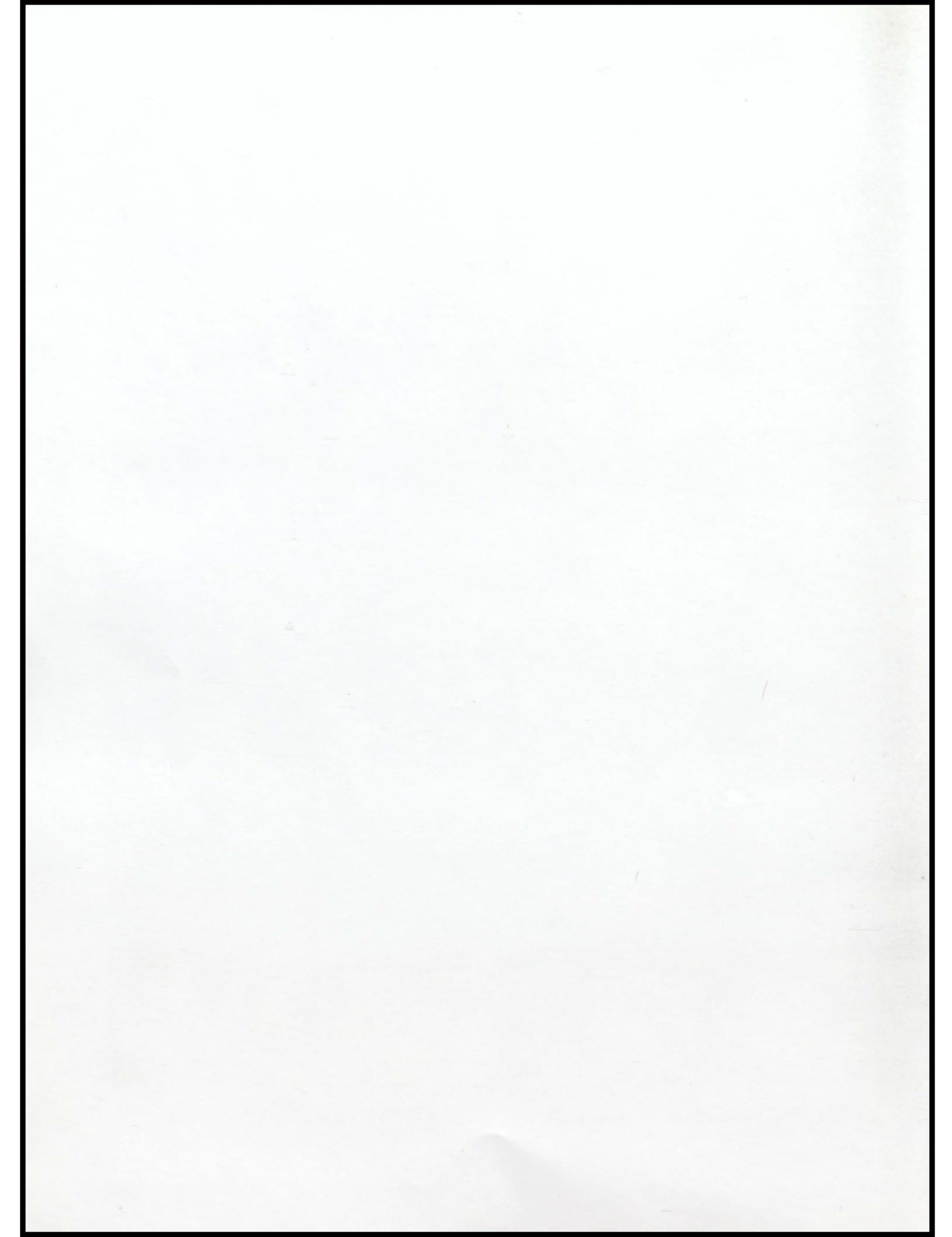
Marching Band

Members performed one of the most difficult shows in KV history. (Scott Gesiakowski, 12, John Cardaras, 12, and Grady Garland, 11)



Youth Alive

Raised \$1200 for leukemia patient, Amanda Knight. (Grace Huddleston, 10)



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Kankakee Valley High School

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Proud, Knowledgeable, Involved, Supportive, Determined, Amazing, Different, Enthusiastic, Dedicated, Creative, *Youself*

Branch Out for Change

"Branches reach for the sky, our roots run deep."

Bleary eyed teens stumbled throughout the halls at 7:23 am as, Principal Lobsiger's signal for the two minute warning, the school song, reverberated off the walls. In addition to the 35 minute earlier start, teens experienced an SRT move to after fifth hour, the addition of the West Annex as part of the high school campus, and new lunch times and changes.

American Red Cross saw a growth in participants who donated blood. With a goal of 38 donors, they received 32 first time and seven previous donors, a total of 39 pints of blood. "I feel like I gave back to the community, but on a more per-

sonal level. I am now looking into donating plasma," said senior Rachel Scott.

When the Marines visited Mr. Jeff Moolenaar's Law Enforcement classes on October 4 and 11, they moved the class to the front of the school. Students saw different routines and various styles of work-outs.

Change was made successfully as Mr. Paul Norwine requested the C-Span bus for three years, and finally on October 8, 12 students entered the bus for a voice interview with the President of the American Postal Workers Union, Cliff Guffey. "I believe it was a once in a lifetime unique opportunity, and I am glad I was able to take part in it," said senior Jessie Klemp.

Dominant: Preparing the freshmen for high school is what Cougar Kick Off did on August 12. Freshmen Koy Schmidt, Beau Sarosy, and Adam Sayers have lunch for the first time in the high school cafeteria. "The most enjoyable thing about

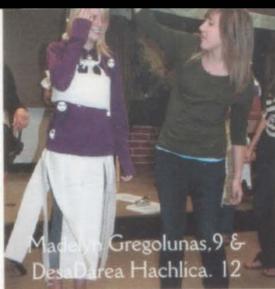
the Freshman Kickoff was being able to figure out where all my classes were before the first day of school. Biggest change about high school is seeing all the different cliques," said freshman Beau Sarosy. Photo by T. Kingma

Working on art projects are sophomores Jordan Fagenbaum and Joli Jungels. "I think that as the years change, art classes get more difficult and require more effort. I love drawing because it's really

fun and enjoyable. Shading and showing value is difficult because it's hard to make my drawing exactly the way it is supposed to be," said Jungels. Photo by B. Likens



Start 7:25, West Annex, Lunch Periods, SRT, Teachers, Promethean Boards, End 2:30



Madeline Gregolunas, 9 & Des Darea Hachlca, 12



"I decided to donate blood because I figured it would go to good use. I would consider doing it again because I would never know, I could be saving someone's life," said senior Ronald Gatlin. American Red Cross collected a pint of blood from 39 individuals. Photo by B. Likens

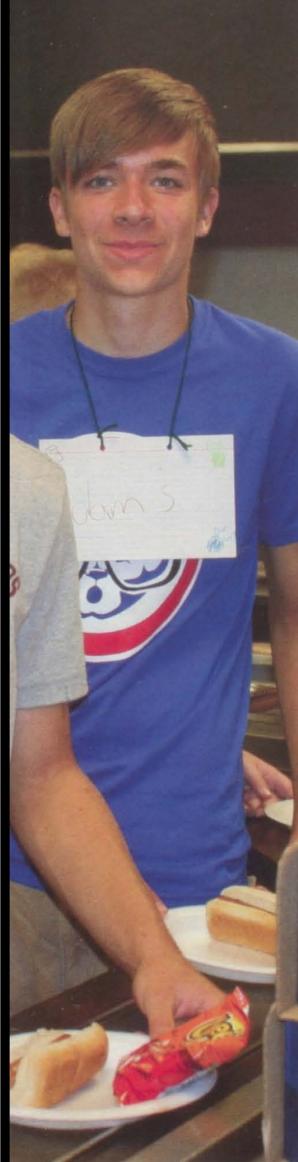
and sanitized Gatlin's arm. Blood was drawn from the median cubital vein. American Red Cross collected a pint of blood from 39 individuals. Photo by B. Likens



1. Madeline Klauer & Sadie Voyles, 9
2. Tyler Niehoff, 10
3. Cody Sekema & Kody Connor, 11
4. Patience Richie, 12



On October 21, students participated in the annual practice evacuation drill. Students first went out for a fire drill, then continued to the bleachers, where they sat for approximately 50 minutes. "Evacuation Drills help for future reference incidents. The biggest change with coming to a new school is adjusting to all of the people and the placements of drills," said sophomore Madison Gutwein. Photo by K. Neff



Junior Jacob Swartz carries former KV graduate, Micah Wallace, during the Marine Combat Drill. "I couldn't say there was an easy part to the Marine

challenge. Everything that we did, that they showed us, had a purpose, and I have the most respect for them," said Swartz. Photo by B. Likens

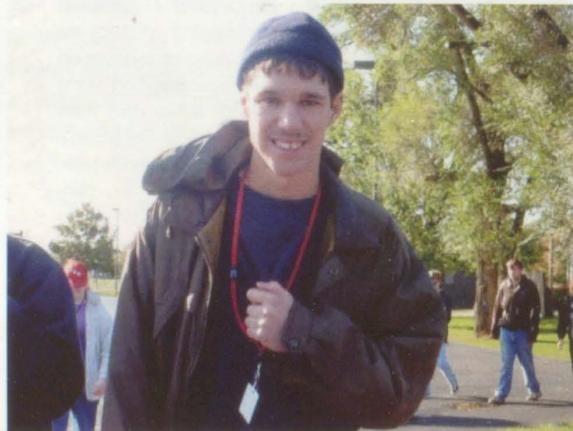
By Bianca Likens

Branching out to Be

Branching out to be knowledgeable, involved, and determined. "Coming up with a good theme was really hard. We had to think about the school, and how we could best describe the whole population. It also had to be something easily understandable," explained senior co-editor Kimberly Peterson. When asked, teachers nominated numerous students as those who went above the norm both

academically and in service to their school and community.

High school is about branching out and breaking out of common molds. It's about becoming a new person, an individual. It's about determining a sense of self. Whether it's branching out to make new friends, join new clubs, or determine a career path, every student branched out from the same school, and flourished from the same tree.



Senior Jacque Jean participated in the Work Experience Program. Through this, he

Dominant: During the Wheatfield Elementary Carnival in April, junior Jennifer Sobierajski commands the game "Plinko". So-

Right: Freshman Bryce Gawronski enjoys the Honor Roll ice cream treat. Gawronski

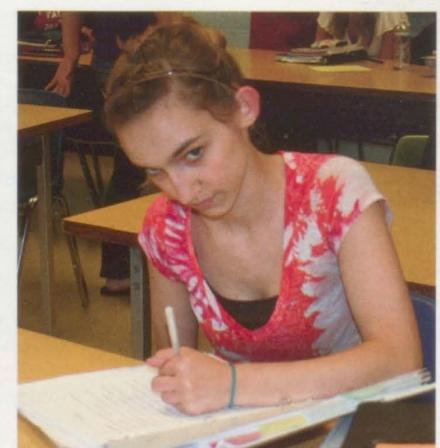
Far Right: In order to graduate a year early, Amelia Cobb combined her sophomore and junior years, while still taking Honors classes. "Graduating early with Honors is hard

was able to start a part-time job at Walgreens in DeMotte. *Photo submitted by P. Epley*

bierajski participated in National Honor Society and, according to her teachers, was a great student. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*

not only excelled in academics and sports, but he also represented his class as President.

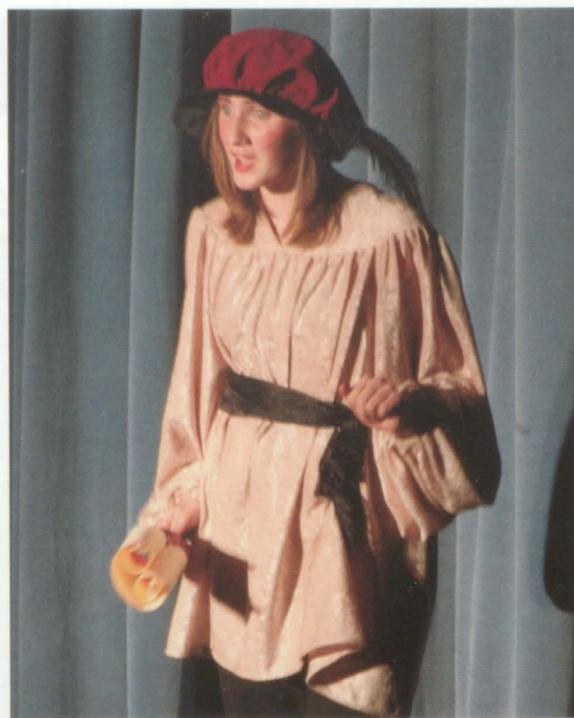
work because I have hours of homework every night, and since I'm taking two English classes, I have a lot of reading, too," explained Cobb. *Photo by B. Likens*



Dreams, Talent, Dedication, Hard Work, Drive, Passion, Future, Preparation, Goals, Inspiration

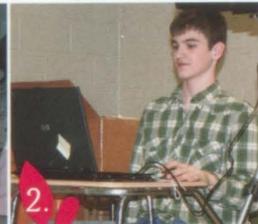


Michelle Kent, 9



Although she had never participated in Drama, freshman Cassandra Ooms earned two leading roles in both the fall musical *Once Upon a Mattress* and the

spring play *Alice in Wonderland*. "Being in drama got me out of my shell, and I made so many great friends," explained Ooms. *Photo by K. Peterson*



1. Taylor Nomanson, 11 - Drama
2. Mitchell Chorzempa, 10 - Technology
3. Jacob Stemper, 9 - Academics
4. Jessie Klemp, 12 - Lilly Scholarship Recipient

Senior Fiorelli Demske plays her guitar for a benefit. "Everyone has a different way of communicating, and playing is mine. Even if I tried, I would never be able to stop. My dreams aren't for fame or fortune or wealth. My dreams are to make music and be heard, and maybe if I'm lucky, my music will have a positive impact on someone else's life," explained Demske.



After the NHS Induction, junior Brent VanSoest enjoys the reception. VanSoest intends to

take over the family business, double majoring during college to do so. *Photo by B. Likens*

Chosen to represent the student body, sophomore Tatiana Adams and seniors David Phillips, Morgan Bell, and Steven Scally guided the NCA team on a tour. NCA members visited our school in February for an evaluation. *Photo by C. Berns*

By Kimberly Peterson

Who says Girls can't play Football?

By Maranda Brown

On September 19 the smell of hair spray and barbecue smoke filled the air, and everyone knew the Powder Puff game was near.

Freshmen took the victory over the sophomores 12 to 6. Starting off with their trick play, freshmen completed the most unique touchdown of the night. "We learned the play at the last minute, and I was so scared it was not going to work, and I would look dumb. We fooled everyone, and it felt great scoring the first touchdown for the freshman team!" said Kendall Schultz.

Leanna Mulloy scored the single touchdown for the sophomores

Surrounded by fog, juniors and seniors fought the twelfth man on the field. Winning 22 to 12, juniors dominated the seniors. Senior Jessie Klemp ran for the first touchdown in the game. "Scoring

the first touchdown and seeing our teammates and our fans going crazy was such an exhilarating feeling," said Klemp.

Right after the seniors scored six points, junior Alyssa Matson ran in for the Juniors. "Running the ball for the first touchdown felt amazing! I never knew how long 56 yards were until I was out of breath at the end," exclaimed Matson.

Additional junior points were added by Felicia Jones who scored on an interception, and Alyssia Beenies who ran in for six. Two point conversions by Lauren Rhoades and Alyssa Matson completed the 22 points.

Senior Mercedes Dyer suffered the lone injury of a hard hit in the final minutes of the game. "What happened was scary. Knowing that I had the whole school's support was a really great feeling," said Dyer.



While juniors had possession, seniors waited on the defense line for the juniors to hike the ball. "Most important role as the center was knowing that I had control of all of the plays.

On the field, the fog wasn't as bad as what people thought. It was actually pretty clear," explained junior Kirstie Jones.

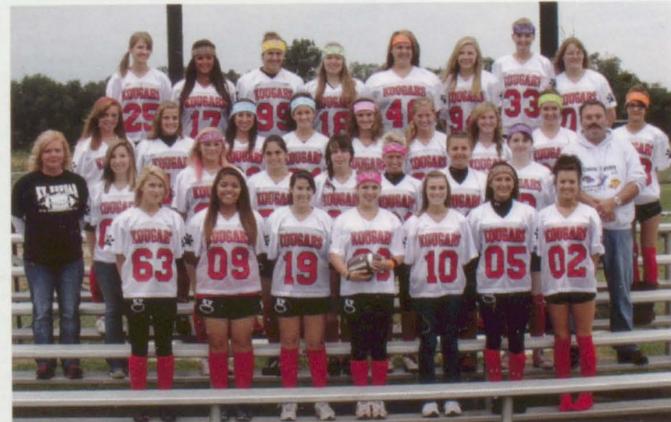
Photo by T. Sparks

Seniors Row 1: Katherine Hennings, Brittanie Howard, Darian Myers, Victoria Monticello, Breanna Oakes, Monica Di Dio, Amanda Ferrell Row 2: Kathryn Maki, Jessica Boyer, Brittany Gillespie, Breanne Babe, Kayla Fraticelli, Jordan Wright, Allie Dewes Row 3: Alyssa Simmons, Mercedes Dyer, Cynthia Brubaker, Faith McDaniel, Jessie Klemp, Morgan Bell, Megan Luedtke, Jes-

sica Hoffman Row 4: Victoria Swinford, Traci Baker, Shelby Hickman, Jennifer Anderson, Stacey Heerema, Alexius Rodriguez, Alyssa Watkins, Krystal Colbert, Casey Wilson Row 5: Mr. Brian Fogarty, Ashley Dobson, Jordyn Boomsma, Samantha Smee, Echo Czarnecki, Stacy Brown, Ashley Stahl, DesaDarea Hachlida, Johnny Oakes



Tail-gating, Two Games, Freshman VS Sophomores, Juniors VS Seniors, Intensity, Defense, Offense



First string Quarterback senior Ashley Dobson, runs the ball for the touchdown. "When I ran for the touchdown, I felt the biggest adrenaline rush

and that pushed me to run even faster so I could help my team out!" exclaimed Dobson. Photo by T. Sparks



1. Alyria Beenes, Maranda Brown & Lauren Rhoades, 11
2. Sophomore & Freshman Team
3. Mykenzie Seegers, 9
4. Jessie Klemp, Monica Di Dio & Jennifer Anderson, 12

Just in reach of the flags, freshmen Mykenzie Seegers and Corine Rauscher miss the tackle and fall to the field. Outrunning the freshmen, sophomore Lean-na Mulloy was the only sophomore to score a touchdown for her team. "It was an awesome feeling to score the only touchdown. It got all of us pumped and ready for the rest of the game," said Mulloy. Photo by T. Sparks

Juniors Row 1: Coral Justice, Ericka Clemente, Casey Voight, Wiebke Luhrs, Tori Brodner, Alyssa Matson, Danielle Zaremba Row 2: Tricia Nowak, Nicole Ketcham, Brittany Hilton, Hannah McDaniel, Brittany Baker, Alyria Beenes, Melanie Loslo, Emily Myers, Coach McDaniel Row 3: Amanda Taylor, Sarah Axtell, Alexxus Thomson, Gabrielle Henning, Lauren Rhoades, Maribeth Strong, Lindsey Fenstermaker, Adanna Oney, Heather DeWitt Row 4: Felicia Jones, Kirstie Jones, Brooke Scheurich, Maranda Brown, Kesha Molden, Brittany Bradan, Kaitlyn Boonstra, Brandy Henry

Lights, Camera, Action

Homecoming week was full of dress-up days, penny wars, decorating doors, and trying to win the spirit stick. Going along with their "Lights, Camera, Homecoming" theme, dress-up days included Superfan/Jersey day, Fantasy day, Villain day, Superhero day, and Red Carpet day. "My favorite dress up day was Fantasy day because I got to dress like a princess and not get any weird looks," said sophomore Janna Witvoet.

During the week, every lunch had Penny Wars. The goal was to collect more pennies than any other class. Winning the penny wars were seniors with \$236.78 of the \$914 total.

Starting up an old

school tradition, Student Council hosted a Thursday night bonfire, complete with performances from the band, dance team, and cheerleaders. Student Council also sold hot dogs, hot chocolate, and glow sticks and used the money to help pay for fireworks.

"I think that the bonfire was a great way to meet more people in our school," said freshman Bailey Richardson.

Wrapping up the week was the annual pep session. First was the announcement of sport teams and then lip sync. Winning team was the seniors, performing to "Party Rock Anthem."

Concluding spirit week, seniors were announced the winners of dress-up days, door decorating and the spirit stick.

Dominant: After doing their lip sync for the last time, seniors Jennifer Anderson, Haley Ruesken, Jessie Klemp, Angela DeFries, Sydney Robinson, Courtney Hoffman, and Zachary DeFries cheer for their class. They danced to

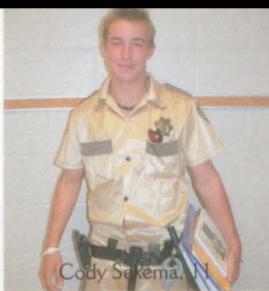
"Party Rock Anthem" along with 19 of their classmates. "The best part of dancing in the senior lip sync was being with all of my friends and hearing the rest of the seniors cheer us on," said Anderson. Photo by C. Abel

Band members perform the school song, in addition to a variety of other songs during the pep session. "My favorite part of the pep session is mak-

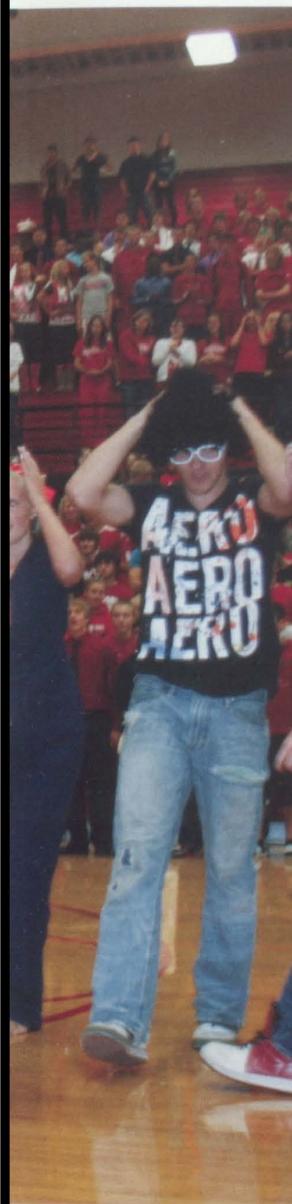
ing stupid, but fun, dances to go with our favorite songs. I love dancing with all of band friends," explained Kara Ooms, senior. Photo by C. Abel



September 19, Spirited, Friendly-Competition, Rivalries, Costumes, Bonfire, Spirit Stick, September 23



Cody Sakema, 11



Enjoying the evening at the bonfire, junior Austin Sanders and senior Sydney Robinson talk next to the fire. "I loved spending time with all of my friends and knowing as the

Student Council vice president, that I helped start this tradition back up again," explained Robinson. Photo by C. Abel



1. Nicole Shebesh, 12
2. Heather Yates, 9
3. Michael Vega, 10
4. Gage Abbring, 11



Cheering at the bonfire, freshman Belanah Chavez, junior Leanne Delinsky, and sophomore Janna Witvoet perform the cheer, "K-V Cougars." Cheerleaders performed at the bonfire along with the band. They also danced to the school song next to the dance team. "The best part of the bonfire was performing the school song with the Dance Team," said Chavez. Photo by C. Abel



Even though there was no plan to meet at the bonfire, members of the Kolor Guard danced alongside the band. "My favorite part of the bon-

fire was dancing with my friends, and building school spirit while having a good time," said senior Kerrie Morenz. Photo by C. Abel

Tyler Black and Michael Smith, juniors, strike a pose to intimidate the competing classes. The two performed many stunts during the lip sync. Juniors performed to a mix up of songs and dances, including the "Creep" and the "Bennie." Photo by C. Abel

By Caitlin Abel

Double Overtime Leads to Victorious Homecoming

Homecoming Court tried to stay warm until halftime, the band snapped to attention, and the crowd cheered as the team ran to the field. This was the game that everyone had been waiting for... "Lights, Camera, Homecoming".

Tailgaters started the excitement as teachers and parents hosted food and fun for all. Posters, horns, painted faces, and confetti filled the stands as spirited students packed the stadium on September 23.

As halftime neared, Corvettes filled with court representatives lined the north entrance. One by one the court lined up on the track in front of the bleachers to watch senior Kelsey Jefferson

be crowned Homecoming Queen by previous Queen Carli Oney.

As the team returned to the field for warm ups, fireworks filled the night sky. "It was great to see the show come together. Under the direction of Stuco adviser Mr. Michael Lovely, we approached local businesses to raise funds for the display," said Mackenzie Misner.

Tyler Birk ran the ball through the rain into the end zone in double overtime, resulting in a Homecoming victory.

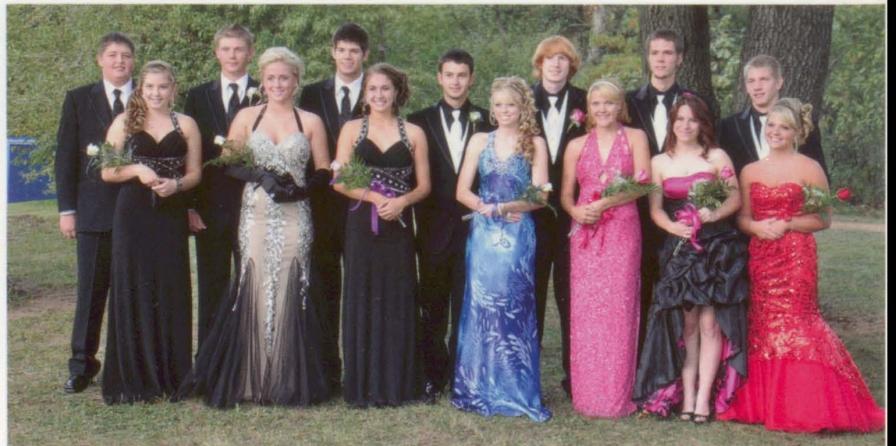
Fans sprinted to the field in excitement. "When I ran onto the field, I felt such an adrenaline rush. It was amazing that our school came together to celebrate such a major victory," explained sophomore cheerleader Tatiana Adams.

Dominant: Making some noise, senior Amanda Ferrell shows her school spirit. Alec Gunter, senior, encouraged Ferrell to play the trumpet. "The trumpet was brought along to the game as a noisemaker to cheer

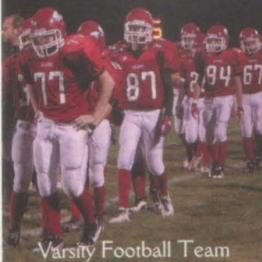
on the team. Even though none of us knew how to play it, we still had a lot of fun," said Ferrell. Some had a hard time because they had to make a quiet buzzing sound with their lips. *Photo by A. Cobb*

Homecoming Court: Freshmen Hanna Helton and Alan Klemp, sophomores Ashley Norberg and Luke Sanderson, juniors Brianna Niemiec and Tyler Black, and seniors,

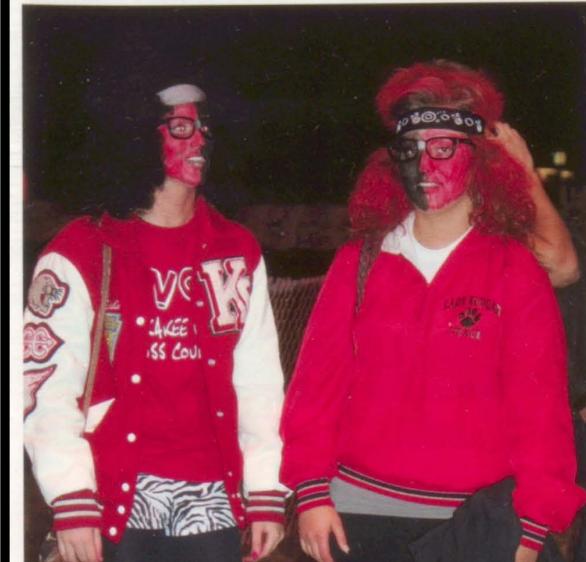
Aubrey Allee and Derek Bunning, Kelsey Jefferson and Andrew Marcus, Mercedes Dyer and Maxwell Klingaman, and Darian Myers and Kyle Agonis. *Photo by T. Kingma*



Halftime Crowning, Crowd Excitement, Determination, Cougars Vs. Blue Jays, Football Victory



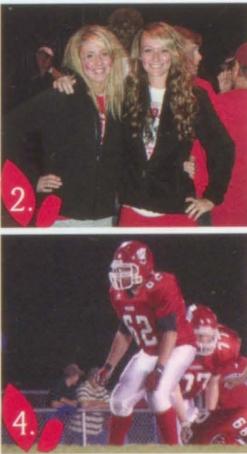
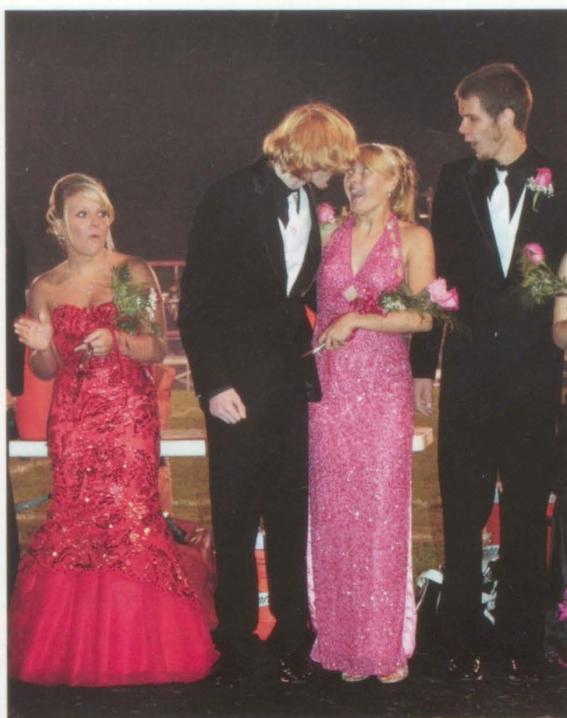
Varsity Football Team



Gabrielle Henning and Kimberly Stalbaum, juniors, bring out face paint and glitter in support of their team. "My favorite part of dressing up

Seniors Darian Myers, escort Andrew Marcus, and Maxwell Klingaman show excitement as Kelsey Jeffeson wins the Homecoming Queen title.

"I was so shocked! I was so happy that I was shaking! I couldn't really believe I heard my name!" exclaimed Jefferson. Photo by T. Kingma



1. Leanne Delinsky, 11, Mia Forden & Belanah Chavez, 9
2. Abbey Sittema & Olivia Trainor, 10
3. Joshua Monk, 12
4. Matthew Berdine, 11



To kick off the night, band plays the National Anthem. "Go Big Red" and other cheers were played when points were scored. "Performing the National Anthem and school song gives me pride in my country and school. Being able to spend Homecoming night with my class made my night very memorable," said senior Drum Major David Phillips. Photo by A. Cobb



for the game was being able to see the responses of other students. I have a lot of school spirit; I wanted to show it!" said Stalbaum. Photo by A. Cobb

Faculty show their support for the team with their hand made posters. "Mrs. Roberts brought the signs. I just happened to sit there and was recruited to hold two of them. It was fun!" said Mr. Shawn Lane. Photo by A. Cobb

By Adelaide Cobb

Getting ready to tie-dye their T-shirts, freshmen Mia Forden and Rebecca Mackey try to keep their hands clean. Students in Fiber Arts I also tie-dyed socks, sheets, and bags. *Photo by M. Dyer*



People



Steven Golightly, Andrea Wireman, Kristin Drenth, Nicole Wisneski, & James Marich, 11



Freshman Powder Puff Team



Will Jansma, Kyle Neff, 12, & Mr. Jeff Moolenarr



Ashley Norberg, Gabrielle Martin, & Lauren Stokes, 10



Victorious Secret Dodgeball Team: Joshua Shearer, Joshua Krupchak, Jeremy Shearer, & Jose Ramos, 9

- In his **third year**, Principal Mr. Keeman Lobsiger continued to push his **"We Are One!"** motto, which was proved effective when the school was named a **Four Star School** on December 22. The school had already received a **\$20,000** check in recognition of their **improved** graduation rate from the Indiana Graduation Rate Performance Incentive Award in June of 2010.
- With the **new** middle school open, high school classes took over parts of the **'West Annex'**. Foreign languages, home economics, and the Academy were included in the move.
- Five **foreign exchange students** were welcomed into the school. "Being an exchange student had a **bigger** impact on my life than I thought it would. I became more mature, and I appreciate **both** American and Polish cultures more," said senior Michal Baldowski.
- Various speakers visited throughout the year. One was from the **Women's Center** in DeMotte to talk with the freshmen and juniors about sexual education. Another was, **Jim Wallace**, a candidate for Indiana governor, who spoke with Mr. Paul Norwine's classes. "I liked that he agreed with us about a lot of issues that we **thought** were important," explained senior Natasha Stuppy.
- In the **spring**, students discussed career interests for two hours with area specialists during **Career Day** on **April 10**.



Jordon Dittrich, 9



Brooklyn Starr, 10



Mr. Paul Epley promised to dye his hair red if his students raised \$1,000 for the Magnificent Mile Walk. His class took a day off school to walk around the town of DeMotte. They received pledges for the distance they covered. The total amount brought in was \$1,591. "I wanted to have an incentive that would encourage the students to collect a lot of money," commented Epley. Photo by M. Dyer

Seniors

They spent seven hours a day, five days a week, 180 days per year together. They endured the disappointment of losing Powder Puff to the accomplishment of winning the spirit stick together. They were a part of each others lives for four years. They became different branches flourishing on the same tree. They were the class of 2012.

On the first day of school, seniors were reminded of what it was like to be a freshman again.

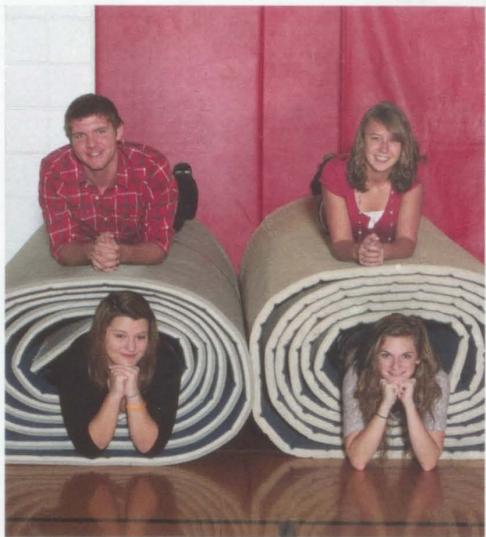
Homecoming night was one of the biggest highlights of Kelsey Jefferson's senior year. Jefferson reigned over Homecoming's victorious night against North Judson.

Class officers decided they wanted the graduation gowns to be unique. Gowns premiered all red and featured two white stripes down the front. "We chose to have the senior class wear the same gowns to look unified as one class," explained Class President Tyler Steinke.

Due to the end of the Mayan calendar in December, the class of 2012 could be the last class to graduate. With the end of the world slowly approaching, Kerrie Morenz said, "If the world ended, I would feel grateful that I accomplished one major thing: graduating. Our class would definitely go out with a bang!"

By Sarah Poe

Class Officers: President Tyler Steinke, Vice President Marie Magiera, Treasurer Taylor Isajewicz, Secretary Taylor Thompson. Class sponsors were Mrs. Hallie Chicki and Mr. Greg Oliver. "Quote from Officer"



Caitlin Abel



Environmental 9, 10, 12, Kolor Guard 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, Quill & Scroll 10, 11, 12, Sunshine 9, Winter Guard 10, 11, 12, Yearbook 10, 11, 12

"Things turn out best for those who make the best of the way things turn out." ~Jack Buck

Kyle Agonis



No credits listed

"Take your time and do it right the first time."

Aubrey Allee



Dance 11, Homecoming Court 12, Sunshine 9, Cheerleading 9, 10, Powder Puff 12

"Confidence is a stain they can't wipe off." ~Lil' Wayne

Francis Allen



Academic Decathlon 9, Choir 11, 12, Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 9, 10, 11, 12, Environmental 9, FFA 9, 10, Freshman Mentor 11, JAM 11, Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12, All-State Choir 11, 12

"There's always time for tacos with friends."

Jacob Allen



FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

"Those who mind don't matter, those who matter don't mind."

Jeffrey Anderson



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Congratulations class of 2012!

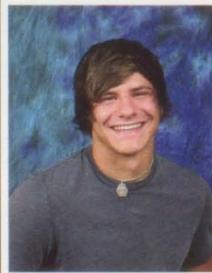
Jennifer Anderson



FCA 9, 10, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, SADD 9, 12, Sunshine 9, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12, Tennis 10, 11, 12

"We do not remember the days; we remember the moments." ~Gesare Pavese

Collin Andrisko



Drama 9, 10, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, JAM 11, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

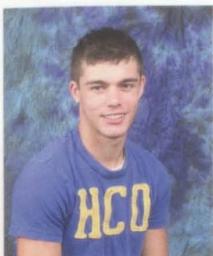
"You never know where you are going until you know where you would rather be."

Breeanne Babe



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"No one changes you. You change yourself."

Michael BabeFootball 11, Soccer 9,
Track 9, 12

Congratulations class of 2012!

Traci BakerBook Club 12, Foreign
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11, Yearbook 10, 11,
Powder Puff 11, 12"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is
enough." -Mae West**Michal Baldowski**Foreign Exchange
Student

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Dulce Barraza

No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

Rachel Barrett

No credits listed

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Morgan BellArt Club, 9, 10 (VP), Class
Officer 9 (President), Drama
10, 11, FCA 9, Freshman
Mentor 11, 12, Homecoming
Court 9, NHS 10, 11, 12,
SADD 9, 10 (Secretary), 12,
Student Council 9, 10, 11
(President), 12, Sunshine 9,
Super Bowl 10, 11, 12, Pow-
der Puff 11, 12, Soccer 9,
10, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12"Let us run with perseverance the race God set
before us." -Hebrews 12:1**Lucas Bencze**

Football 11

"Live life to the fullest."

Megan BennettEnvironmental 12,
Freshman Mentor 11,
12, SADD 12"Be who you are and say what you feel."
-Dr. Suess**Joseph Billy**

No credits listed

"Don't be a jerk. Do your work."
-Mr. Needles**Jordyn Boomsma**Environmental 9, FCA
9, 10, 11, Freshman
Mentor 11, NHS 10,
11, 12, FEA 10, Powder
Puff 11, 12, Softball 9,
10, Volleyball 9, 10"In order to succeed, your desire for success should
be greater than your fear of failure." -Bill Cosby**Jerry Boswell**

No credits listed

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Peggy BoufisArt Club 12, Envi-
ronmental 9, 10, 12,
Pathfinders 10, 11, 12,
SADD 12, Sunshine 9

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Jessica BoyerChoir 9, 10, 11, Powder
Puff 12, Softball 9, 10,
11, Volleyball 9, 10"Live each day like it's your very last. Tomorrow
can't be promised."**Stacey Brown**Book 11, Choir 10, FEA
10, Student Council 9,
10, Powder Puff 10, 11,
12, Swimming Manag-
er 9, 10, 11, 12, Track
Manager 9"Be crazy, be wild, be stupid, be silly because life is
too short to be cool."**Cynthia Brubaker**Choir 9, 10, 11, 12,
Dance 11, SADD 12,
Sunshine 9, Powder-
puff 12

"Be you, not who everyone wants you to be."

Derek Bunning

Homecoming Court 12

"I ain't here for a long time, I'm here for a good time."

Cassandra Burden

Environmental 10

"Love the life you live, live the life you love."
-Bob Marley

Garrett ButlerSoccer 9, 10, 11, 12,
Wrestling 9

"Be the hammer, not the nail."

John Cardaras

Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Section Leader), Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Section Leader), Mirage 12, SADD 12

"Stuff happens, deal with it."

Melanie Christopher

Class Officer 9, 10, 11, FCA 9, 10, 11, FFA 11, 12, Freshman Mentor 11, SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Council 9, 10, 11, Sunshine 9, Basketball 9, 10, Powder Puff 10, 12, Track 11, Volleyball 9

"Learn from yesterday. Live for today."

Tamberlain Clare

Quill & Scroll 10, 11, 12, Yearbook 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, Volleyball 9

"Live for today, hope for tomorrow."

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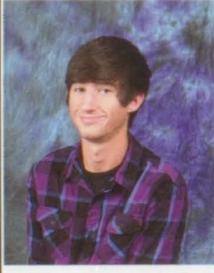


"I like to find the ugliest or weirdest thing and see how I can wear it." -Rachel Scott



"I love 4-H because of the learning experience and meeting new people." -Alyssa Watkins

"I had the opportunity to travel to Spain. I want to study abroad now." -Chelsea Fulkerson

**Matthew Clark**

FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Football 9, Tennis 10, 11, 12

"If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."

Sherlynn Etta Clevy

Choir 9, 10

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."

Adelaide Cobb

Art Club 9, Concert Band 9, Drama 11, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, JAM 11, Marching Band 9, 10, NHS 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, Quill & Scroll 11, 12, Student Council 11, 12, Yearbook 11, 12

"Just a Froot Loop in a world of Cheerios."

Krystal Colbert

Powder Puff 11, 12

"Love, peace, chicken grease.
-My brother"

John Conley

Environmental 9, 10, 12, FCA 10, 11, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, FEA 10, 11, 12, SADD 12, Soccer 9

"Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment."

David Cooper

Pathfinders 11, Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12

"I may not be the best baseball player in the world, but I tried my hardest, and I made it to the pros."

Joshua Cooper

No credits listed

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Kevin Cooper

Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12

Samuel Cowsert

FCA 10, 11, Student Council 10, 11, Baseball 10, Basketball 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

"To infinity and beyond!" -Buzz Lightyear

Nathan Cox

No credits listed

"I live life 1/4th of a mile at a time, and in those ten seconds nothing matters."

Brittany Crass

No credits listed

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Maranda Cuevas

No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!



"Pretty much everything about me is unique. I'm not like most people." -Lucas Benzce

"When you're bored, you learn how to make very interesting, intricate snowflakes!" -Laura Stoermann



"Drawing helps me get away and create something with my feelings." -Dayton Dellahan

"I dress up all the time because it makes life fun and exciting." -Maxwell Klingaman

**Brian Curtis**

No credits listed

"You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because your reality is better than your dreams." -Dr. Suess

Echo Czarnecki

Kolor Guard 10, 11, 12, Mirage 11, Winter Guard 10, 11, 12, Powder Puff 11, 12

Justin Dailey

Football 9, 10

"Live life in the moment."

Kyle Dalka

Student Council 11, Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12

"Nobody is promised tomorrow."

Alexa Danta

No credits listed

"Live the life you love, love the life you live." -Bob Marley

Alyssa Dareski

No credits listed

"Do what makes you happy, be with who makes you smile, laugh as much as you breathe, love as long as you live."

Ana Davila

Freshman Mentor 11,
Foreign Language 9

"Live for the moments you can't put into words."

Gregory Davis

No credits listed

Angela DeFries

Art Club 9, FCA 9, 10,
11, SADD 10, 12, Sunshine 9, Basketball 9,
Cheerleading 10, 11
(Captain), Powder Puff
11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11,
12 (Captain), Volleyball
9, 10 (Captain)

"The past is the past, live in the present, and prepare for a better future."

Zachary DeFries

FCA 9, 10, 11, Baseball
9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball 9, 10, 11

"It's not trespassing if it's parkour."

Dale DeHaan

"The world is all gates, all opportunities, strings of tension waiting to be struck." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Fiorelli Demiske

Choir 10, 11, Cheerleading 9

"If you're going to dream, you might as well dream big."

Darian DeVries

Baseball 9, 12, Basketball 9,

"It's not trespassing if it's parkour."

Allie Dewes

Powderpuff 10, 11, 12,
Soccer 9

"Don't let today's disappointments overshadow tomorrow's dreams."

Monica Di Dio

Powder Puff 12,
Foreign Exchange
Student

"And when you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it." -Paulo Coehlo

Ashley Dobson

Powder Puff 11, 12,
Softball 9, 10, 11, 12,
Volleyball 10

"Thank God even crazy dreams come true."
-Carrie Underwood

Michael Dorrance

Orchestra 9, 10

"How will I ever get out of this labyrinth!?"

Denton Dowell

Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12,
Football 9, 10, Wrestling 9, 10

"A great worker will go to work and take the hard jobs and make them look easy and not brag about it." -My Uncle

Robert Drangmeister

FFA 10

"God is good, and people are crazy."

Mercedes Dyer

"Do not depend on anyone. Yourself is the only one you can trust."

Homecoming Court
12, Kolor Guard 10, 11,
Mirage 11, 12, SADD
12, Sunshine 9, Winter
Guard 9, 10, 11, Yearbook
10, 11, 12

Joshua Evans

Art Club 11, FFA 10,
11, Winterfest Court 9,
Cheerleading 9

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Amanda Ferrell

Dance 11, 12 (Captain), FCA 9, 10, 11, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, SADD 12, Student Council 9, Sunshine 9, Cheerleading 9, 10, Powder Puff 11, 12

"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning how to dance in the rain."

Brittney Ferris

Academic Decathlon 11, 12, FFA 9, NHS 11, 12, SADD 12, Student Council 11, 12, Spell Bowl 11, 12

Tyler Fitch

No credits listed

Kayla Fraticelli

No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

Taylor Freckleton

Dance 11, Drama 9, FCA 9, 10, Foreign Language 10, 11, SADD 9, 10, Sunshine 9, Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain)

"Let it be!"

Chelsea Fulkerson

Art Club 9, 11, FCA 10, 11, 12, Foreign Language 11, NHS 11, 12, Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12, Powder Puff 11, Soccer 10

"I believe in the sun when it's not shining, I believe in love when I feel it not, and I believe in God even when he is silent."

Ronald Gatlin

Tennis 10, 11, 12

"Don't tell me that the sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon."

Scott Gesiakowski

Choir 11, Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Section Leader), Jazz Band 9, 11, 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Section Leader), Mirage 12, SADD 12

"If today was your last day, and tomorrow was too late, could you say good bye to yesterday?" -Nickelback

Jesse Gibson

No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

Brittany Gillespie

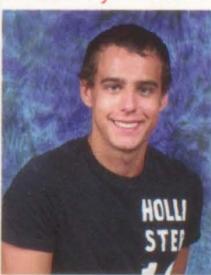
Art Club 9, Book Club 9, Freshman Mentor 11, SADD 9, 10, Basketball Manager 11, Powder Puff 11, 12

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about dancing in the rain."

Devin Gillham

Orchestra 11, 12

"I'm really not up for answering any questions that start with how, when, where, why, or not." -John Green

Zachary Gladdis

Baseball 9, 10

Congratulations class of 2012!

Lucas Grube

FFA 9, 10, 11, 12

"Just have fun."

Alec Gunter

No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

DesaDarea Hachlica

Art Club 12, Environmental 10, 12, Pathfinders 12, SADD 12, Sunshine 9, Swimming Manager 10, 12

"You have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." -Harriet Tubman

Graduation is not the end, it's the beginning.

"Health Occupations class was really fun, and I learned the most in that class!" -Camille Webster

"Every day of high school was one of my best memories. It was the beginning of a whole new chapter of my life." -Jaclyn Rawlings

"Going to Florida with the orchestra was the best. We learned a whole new way to perform, and we also got to have fun!" -Alice Santell

"I will always remember how insane people are in the parking lot." -Nathan Nagel

"The greatest memory was my first pep session when Mr. Apple drove into the gym on his motorcycle." -Felicity Way

Where are your branches stretching?

John Hageman



No credits listed

"Work hard for the things you want."

Ryan Hale



Prom Court 11, Football 11, Track 9, Spike down 11, 12

"Work for what you want, don't live in my shadow, make your own name for yourself!" -Mike Hale

Abbey Hamstra



FCA 9, 10, 11, Freshman Mentor 11, NHS 10, 11, 12, SADD 12, Sunshine 9, Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12

"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do."

Robert Heard



No credits listed

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Stacey Heerema



FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, Freshman Mentor 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, Prom Court Princess 11, SADD 12, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12

"In 3 words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on." -Robert Frost

Brittney Heilman



No credits listed

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Cori Hemphill



Environmental 9, Newspaper 10, 11, 12

"Everything happens for a reason, and that reason will appear in 3 seconds to 5 years. Reasons sometimes sleep in..."

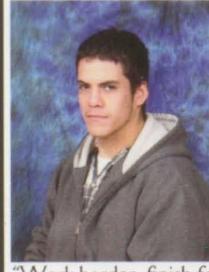
Katherine Hennings



Art Club 12, Book Club 12, Environmental 10, Powder Puff 12

"Love is an invention of fictional writers."

Roberto Herrera



Wrestling 9, 10

"Work harder, finish faster."

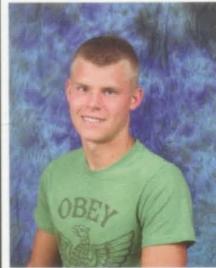
Jeffrey Hershman

Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

"Time you enjoy wasting, was not wasted."
-John Lennon

Timothy HillersHomecoming Court
10, Baseball 9, 10, 11,
12, Basketball 9, 10,
Football 9, 11, 12

"Live life how you want to be remembered."

Jesse Hoffman

No credits listed

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Jamie Huddleston

Drama 9, Foreign Language 9, Youth Alive 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, Student Council 10, 11, 12

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Travis Ison

Track 9, 10, 11, 12

"How in the world do I escape this Labyrinth?"

Shelby HickmanFCA 9, 10, 11, 12,
SADD 10, 12, Student Council 9, 10, 11, Sunshine 9, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Powder Puff 10, 12, Tennis 9, 10, Volleyball 9

"Do what makes you happy. Be with who makes you smile. Laugh as much as you breathe. Love as long as you live."

Stephen Higginbotham

No credits listed

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Sarah Hinchy

No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

Courtney Hoffman

Dance 10, 11, 12, FCA 9, 10, 11, Freshman Mentor 12, SADD 10, 12, Sunshine 9, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12

"The purpose of life is a life of purpose." - Robert Byrne

Jessica Hoffman

Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Freshman Mentor 11, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Powder Puff 11, 12, Swimming 10, 11, 12

"I don't know half of you as well as I should like, and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve."

Matthew Hoover

Football 9, 10, 11

"Things happen."

Taylor Isajewicz

Class Officer 12 (Treasurer), Environmental 9, 10, 12, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Youth Alive 10, 11, 12, SADD 12, Student Council 12

"Build your roads on today, because tomorrow's ground is too uncertain."

Travis Irvine

FFA 10, Football 9

"Never let today's disappointments overshadow tomorrow's dreams."

Kelsey Jefferson

Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Dance 11, Environmental 9, 10, 12, FCA 9, 10, FFA 9, 10 (Chapter Reporter), 11 (Chapter Sect.), 12 (District Officer), Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Section Leader) Spell Bowl 11, Winter Guard 9, 10, Cheerleading 12, Powder Puff 10, 11, Softball 9

"Be one in a million, not one of a million."

Cody Jones

"I don't have a quote."
-Cody Jones

Book 9, Pioneerz 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Council 11, 12, Cross Country 10, 11, 12, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12

Tasha Jones

"Never settle for anything but the best."

Nicholas Junglas

No credits listed

Andrew Keister

Cross Country 10, 12, Track 12

"To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift." -Steve Prefontaine

Sean Kelley

"Duh! Winning!"
-Charlie Sheen

Student Council 11, 12

Angel Kerley

No credits listed

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Hailey Ketchum

SADD 12, Basketball 10, Powder Puff 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11

"These girls are getting in my space."
-Jorey Neeley

Nathan Kingma

"A wise man has great power, and a man of knowledge increases strength." -Proverbs 25:5

Choir 12, Drama 9, 10, 11, 12, FCA 9, 10, 11, FFA 9, 10, 11, 12 Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Foreign Language 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12

Jessie Klemp

Class Officer (Secretary) 11, FCA 9, 10, 11, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12 (Vice President), Pioneerz 12, SADD 9, Student Council 11, 12, Sunshine 9, Basketball 9, 10, Powder Puff 12, Track 9, 10, Volleyball 9

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." -Phillipians 4:13

SOME OF THE GIRLS...

"To be selected to the Phantom Drum and Bugle Corps for 2011-12 requires dedication and a hard working attitude. I am one of the six trumpet players who will play lead for the 2012 season."

-Elizabeth Masten

"I am able to reflect on all my past memories in basketball and know that I tried my best, no matter the final score."

-Stacey Heerema

SOME OF THE BOYS...

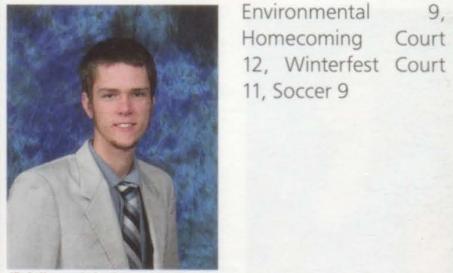
"I was able to conduct my arrangement of Honor from 'The Pacific' at the spring concert. Being able to craft music from nothing with my peers as the musicians was exhilarating!"

-David Phillips

"I always gave my best in everything I did, sports and school work; and I always stood up for what I believed in."

-Matthew Clark

Maxwell Klingaman



Environmental 9, Homecoming Court 12, Winterfest Court 11, Soccer 9

"When life hands you lemons, make beef stew."
-Andy Mcbroches

Sam Kmiec

No credits listed

"Love the life you live, live the life you love."
-Bob Marley

Kimberly Kuhns



Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 10, FCA 10, Kolor Guard 11, 12, SADD 10, Winter Guard 10, 11, 12

"Live like you were going to die tomorrow."

Bianca Likens



"Stand up for what you believe in, even if it means standing alone."

Lyndsay Lopez



Freshman Mentor 11
Yearbook 10, 11, 12,
Powder Puff 12

"Whatever you do in life will be significant, but it is very important that you do it." -Mahatma Gandhi

Nicole Luckey



Book Club 10, 11, 12,
Foreign Language 10, 12, Pathfinders 9,
SADD 10, 12, Sunshine 9, Powder Puff 10, 11

"I don't know if I'll make it, but watch how good I'll fake it." -Hot Chelle Rae

Megan Luedtke



"Everything will work out in the end, if it's not working out, it's not the end." -Max Lucado

Dance 12, Drama 10, 11, FCA 9, 10, 11, 12 (Officer), Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12 (Vice President), Youth Alive 11, 12, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12, Swimming 9, 10, 12, Track 9, 10, 12

Marie Magiera



Class Officer 10, 11, 12
(Vice President), Environmental 9, 10, Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12, Tennis 9, 10

"When one door closes, we look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we don't see the open one."

Kathryn Maki



Powder Puff 11, 12,
Softball 9, 10, 11, 12,
Volleyball 9, 10

"Live for today, hope for tomorrow."

Andrew Marcus



"Don't give up even if told to."

FFA 12, Basketball 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10

Courtney Marsh



Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Kolor Guard 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12 (Secretary), Pathfinders 9, Spell Bowl 10, 11, 12, Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12, Winter Guard 10, 11, 12, Swimming 9, Tennis 9

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."

Elizabeth Masten



Concert Band 9, Principle Trumpet 10, 11, 12, Pit Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12, Environmental 9, Jazz Band 9, 10, 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Section Leader), Orchestra 11, Phantom 11, 12

"It is a fallacy to think that problems can be solved with potatoes alone." -Douglas Adams

Cassie Matthews



"Don't ever regret something that once made you happy."

Choir 10, 11, 12, Pioneerz 9

Christina McCallister



Choir 10, 11, Concert Band 9, FFA 12, Marching Band 9

"Live the life you love."

Faith McDaniel



FFA 11 (Sweetheart Candidate), Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Mirage 11, Newspaper 12, Sunshine 9, Powder Puff 11, 12

"Life is what happens when you are out making other plans." -John Lennon

Taryn McDaniel



"There are two choices on the shelf: Pleasing God and pleasing self."

Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9

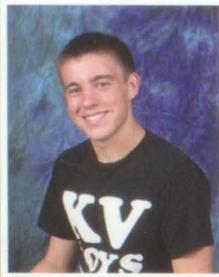
Ryan Melendez



No credits listed

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Stephen Mezzacapo



NHS 10, 11, 12, Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12, Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12

"All generations are false, including this one."
-Mark Twain

Amber Mileski



Pioneerz 9, Soccer 9, 10, 11

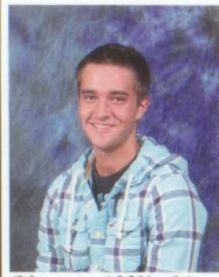
"Live the life you love, love the life you live."
-Bob Marley

Zachery Miller



No credits listed

Austyn Misch



Freshman Mentor 11, Homecoming Court 11, Baseball 9, 10, 11, Basketball 9, 10

"You miss 100% of the shots you never take."
-Michael Jordan

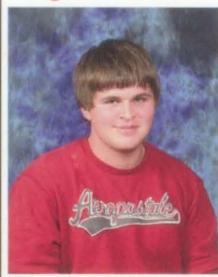
Joshua Monk



Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12

"90% of the game is half mental."
-Yogi Berra

Logan Monroe



Football 11

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"My size is a blessing and a curse. It is hard to find clothes small enough." -Natasha Stuppy



"We used linoleum prints as a new way to use our artistic abilities in carvings." -Collin Andrisko
Pictured: Andrew Marcus

"Opinions fade, but regrets about what we didn't do, say, believe, or try won't." -Jamie Huddleston



Victoria Monticello



Basketball 9, 10, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12

"In the end it's not going to matter how many breaths you took, but how many moments took your breath away."

Kerrie Morenz



Book 9, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 9 Foreign Language 9, 10, Kolor Guard 10, 11 (Captain), 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Spell Bowl 9, 10, 11, 12, Super Bowl 9, 10, 11, 12, Winter Guard 10, 11, 12, Swimming 9

"Each of us has a spark of life inside of us, and our highest endeavor ought to be to set off that spark in one another."

Darian Myers



Class Officer 9, FFA 10, 11, 12, Homecoming Court 10, 12, Student Council 9, 10, 11, Sunshine 9, Powder Puff 10, 11 (Captain), 12, Softball 9, 10, 12

"Without struggle there is no progress."

Megan Myers



No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

Nathan Nagel



No credits listed

"If it isn't broke, don't fix it."

Austin Neeley



No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

Kyle Neff



Quill & Scroll 10, 11, 12, Yearbook 10, 12

"Today isn't just another day. Today, I'll create something beautiful."

Jessica Nichols



"Don't think about the past because you'll forget to live for today."

Daniel Noell



No credits listed

"Love is the law, love under will."
-Aleister Crowley

Blake Norberg



FFA 10, 11, 12, Football 9

Congratulations class of 2012!

Johnny Oakes



Football 9, 10, Powder Puff Coach 12

"Yahoo!!"

Breanna Oakes

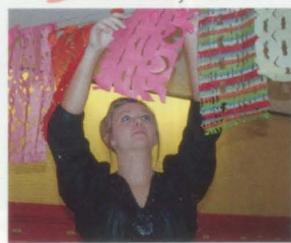


"Our fingerprints never fade from the lives we touch." -Remember me

Drama 10, NHS 11, 12 (Treasurer), Pioneerz 11, SADD 12, Sunshine 9, Spell Bowl 12, Cheerleading 9, 10, 11 (Captain), Youth Alive 12, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12



"Helping others is something I like to do. By doing this, I have helped someone do something they could not do." -Hailey Ruesken



"I can come up with an idea for a movie or story in five seconds flat. I love writing and being able to express who I am." -Michael Dorrance



"Being an exchange student means going far away from your family, starting everything over again, and creating new friends." -Monica Di Dio

Kara Ooms



Choir 10, 11, 12, Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Winter Guard 9, Powder Puff 10, 11, Track 9, 10, 11, 12

"The greatest thing you will ever learn is just to love and be loved in return." -Moulin Rouge

Yessenia Origel



Foreign Language 9

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."
-Oscar Wilde

Trevor Overstreet



Environmental 9, FCA 10, 11, FFA 12, Pioneerz 12, Technology 10, Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12

"Don't stop believing."

Tyler Christian Partain



Foreign Language 9, Baseball 12, Football 9, Wrestling 9

"Seize the day."

Kimberly Peterson



Dance 10, 11, 12, Drama 10, 11, 12, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Prom Court 11, Prom Committee 11, Quill & Scroll 10, 11, 12, Student Council 11, 12 (Historian), Spell Bowl 12, Yearbook 9, 10, 11, 12 (Editor)

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Jamie Philbrook



Art 11, Dance 9, 10, 11, Sunshine 9, Cheerleading 12, Powder Puff 11

"Music isn't enough for a lifetime, but a lifetime isn't enough for music."

David Phillips



Choir 11, 12, Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Jazz Band 9, 10, 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Drum Major), NHS 10, 11 (Vice President), 12, Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Council 10, 11, 12, Super Bowl 9, FEA 9, 10, 11, 12

"Shoot for the moon; even if you miss, you will land among the stars." -Les Brown

Corre Ptacek



No credits listed

"If you are not first, you are last."

Sarah Poe



"We are not allowed to linger, even with what is most intimate."

Zachary Ratliff



"Studs in the pool, duds go home."
-Dan Roberts

Choir 10, 11, 12, Drama 11, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Mirage 11, Yearbook 12, Soccer 9, 10, Track 10

Michael Robert Pope



No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

Andrew Remmers



Soccer 9

"When you hit rock bottom, there is nothing else to do than pull yourself up."

Patience Richie



"In ten years, what will it matter what I looked like in this picture."

Book Club 9, FFA 11, 12, Newspaper 10, 11, 12, Powder Puff 12

Dustin Rigdon



No credits listed

"Keep a smile on your face. It will get you through the day."

Sydney Robinson



FCA 9, 10, Freshman Mentor 12, Student Council 11, 12 (Vice President), Sunshine 9, Basketball 9, 10, Golf 11, 12, Powder Puff 10, Softball 9, 10, Volleyball 9

"I like smiling; smiling's my favorite."
-Buddy the elf

Alexius Rodriguez



"Success should not be measured by the position you reach, but by the obstacles you overcome."

Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, FCA 11, 12, Freshman Mentor 12, SADD 12, Powder Puff 11, 12

Marcial Rodriguez



No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

1. Rebecca Snow
2. Austin Neeley
3. Echo Czarnecki
4. Travis Ison
5. Taryn McDaniel
6. John Cowgill
7. Kara Ooms



8. Trevor Overstreet
9. Stacey Brown
10. Travis Yates
11. Kerrie Morenz
12. John Conley
13. Jamie Philbrook
14. Ryan Hale



Katiana Rudelius



Choir 10, 11, 12

"Give God a chance to use you, follow his words, and give you hope." -Bethany Hamilton

Hailey Ruesken



FCA 9, 10, Freshman Mentor 11, Sunshine 9, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Softball 10, Track 9, 11, 12, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain)

Christopher Rusk



FFA 9, Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12

"If you do not stand for something, you will fall for anything."

Alexandria Sampson



FFA 11, Powder Puff 10, 11, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12

"People change, and things go wrong, but always remember life goes on."

Alice Santell



Environmental 9 (Treasurer), 10 (Secretary), 11, 12, Mirage 10, 11, NHS 9, 10, 11, 12, Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12, Spellbowl 10, 11, 12

"Forget regret, or life is yours to miss." -Jonathan Larson

Steven Scally



Drama 9, 10, 11, 12, Environmental 9, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Foreign Language 9, 10, NHS 11, 12, Prom Committee 11, Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12 (President), Swimming 9, 10

"Remember your past, consider your future, but always live in the present."

Thomas Albert Scally



No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

Garrett Schneider



Pioneerz 9, Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Tennis 10, 11, 12

"If I'm gonna get lucky, I'm gonna get lucky and get it all." -Aaron Mullinax

Kalep Scott



No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

Rachel Scott



Art Club 10, 12, Choir 11, 12, Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 10, 12, Environment 10, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Improv 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Council 10, Powder Puff 11

"A human being is a part of a whole, called by us the universe, a part limited in time and space."

Nicole Shebesh



Book Club 9, BPA 9, Environmental 9, 10, 11, 12, Kolorguard 10, 11, Student Council 9, 10, Winterguard 10, 11, Yearbook 10, Tennis 9

"You stay classy, San Diego." -Anchorman

David Sholey



Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 9, 10, Environmental 11, JAM 11, Jazz Band 11, 12 (Section Leader), Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Section Leader)

"Do not live to other's expectations, live to your expectations. That is what matters."



1. Sean Kelley
2. Megan Luedtke
3. Sam Kmiec
4. Ashley Stahl
5. Derek Bunning
6. Lindsey Marie Strong
7. Will Jansma



8. Taylor Freckleton
9. Eriberto Espino
10. Sarah Hinchy
11. Darian DeVries
12. Melonie Christopher
13. Casey Wilson
14. Alexa Danta

Alyssa Simmons



FCA 11, Newspaper 10, 11, 12 (Editor), SADD 12, Mirage 12, Powder Puff 12

"Most of the shadows of life are caused by our standing in our own sunshine." -Ralph W. Emerson

Samantha Smee



Foreign Language 11, SADD 12, Powder Puff 12

"Hard work pays off."

Kaitlyn Smith



Drama 11, Environmental 12, Foreign Language 11

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you are going to live forever."

Andrew Sparks



Book Club 9, 10, Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Foreign Language 9, Jazz Band 10, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Swimming 9, 10, Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12

"Cheap labor is not skilled, skilled labor is not cheap."

Ashley Stahl



Freshman Mentor 12, SADD 9, 10 Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12 Sunshine 9, Basketball 9, 10, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12

"Success is loving life and daring to live it." -Maya Angelou

Tyler Steinke



Art Club 9, President 12, FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, FFA 9, 10, 11, 12 (Vice President), Freshman Mentor 11, NHS 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 12, Student Council 10, 11, 12, Winterfest Court 10, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain), Track 11

"Veni, vedi, vinci- I came, I saw, I conquered." -Julius Ceasar

Jennifer Stewart



No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

Laura Stoermann



Art Club 9, Drama 9, Soccer 9, 10

"Be happy for this moment... this moment is your life."

Lindsey Marie Strong



Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Environmental 9, FCA 9, 10, FFA 9, Jazz Band 9, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Drum Major), Sunshine 9, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12

"Girls hunt too."

Natasha Stuppy



No credits listed

"Everything happens for a reason."

William Sutton



Concert Band 10, 11, 12, Jazz Band 11, Marching Band 10, 11, 12, Wrestling 10, 11, 12

"Persevere through the troubles in life; you get one chance to live, so enjoy it."

Lindsey Swim



Choir 10, 11, FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, Foreign Language 10, NHS 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12 SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Council 9, 10 (Secretary), 11, 12, Cheerleading 11, Cross Country 9, Track 9

"You can't be anything better than yourself, so do not try to be someone you are not, just be yourself."

Victoria Swinford



Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, SADD 12, Powder Puff 11, 12

Congratulations class of 2012!

Felicia Sytsma



FCA 9, 10, 11, SADD 9, 10, 11, Sunshine 9, Basketball 11 (Manager), Cross Country 9, 10, 11, Track 9, 10, 11

"Love the life you live, live the life you love."

Sarah Sytsma



No credits listed

"Life is not about finding yourself, it is about creating yourself."

Joseph Tendeck



No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

Nicholas Tiemens



FCA 9, 10, 11, 12,
Cross Country 12,
Soccer 9, Track 10,
11, 12

"Work hard at the start of things, and you will surely finish well."

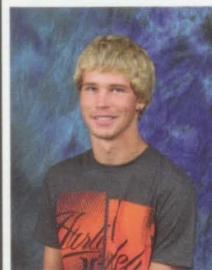
Ashley Truth



FCA 9, 10, Sunshine 9,
Golf 9

"Live your life to the fullest."

Steven Valle



Cross Country 10

"No drama, no problems, no fun."

Alyssa VanderWall



Concert Band 9, FCA 9, 10, 11, FFA 10, 11, 12, Marching Band 9, Sunshine 9, Powder Puff 10, Soccer 9, 11, 12, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12

"Love never fails." -1 Corinthians 13:8

Taylor Thompson



Class Officer 12,
Dance 9, 10, 11, 12,
FCA 9, 10, 11, Freshman Mentor 11, 12,
NHS 10, 11, 12, SADD 10, 12, Sunshine 9,
Powder Puff 10, 11, 12

"It is not the years in your life that count, it is the life in your years." -Abraham Lincoln

Robert Todd



No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

Danielle Urban



Sunshine 9, Powder Puff 10

"Live your life to the fullest because you never know about tomorrow."

Brianna Vanderhere



Academic Decathlon 11, Art Club 10, 12, Environmental 9, FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, 10, Pioneerz 9, 10, 11, SADD 10, 12, Sunshine 9, Powder Puff 10, Soccer 9, Spell Bowl 11, 12

"You have to spin a good yarn to weave a great dream."

Holly VanSoest



Powder Puff 10, 11

"We may not have it all together, but together we have it all."

During her seventh hour, Gwendolyn Snow talks to classmates about a paper in Mrs. Kwiatkowski's class. "I like that I get to free write and learn how to become a better writer," said Snow. Photo by M. Dyer



Building Trades student, Denton Dowell nails a frame for the class house. "I love waking up so early and going to work on a house, that I do not even get paid for," commented Dowell. Photo by T. Clare



With only five days remaining before early graduation, Samantha Smee shares her delight. "I am anxious to graduate early so I can begin my career in the Armed Forces," explained Smee. Photo by M. Dyer



Coasting down the hall with a cart full of pennies Francis Allen, heads for the counting machine. "I liked rolling the cart because, any chance I get to ride in the elevator I take it," commented Allen. Photo by A. Matson



Working on an Art Club project, Krystal Colbert makes mats for the Chicago homeless. "Knowing that I can make a difference in a person's life by making someone a mat to sleep on makes me happy," added Colbert. Photo by M. Dyer



Stephen Higginbotham drew a count down till the end of the year. "When I graduate, I will not have to worry about paying for lunches that keep going up," said Higginbotham. Photo by M. Dyer

By Mercedes Dyer



Tori VanVuren

"Live the life you love, love the life you live."

FCA 9, 10, Freshman Mentor 11, Cougar Krazies 9, 10, SADD 9, Sunshine 9, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12

Cody Voigt

"Enjoy the little things."

Baseball 9, Football 9, 10

Christine Vorderer

No credits listed

Congratulations class of 2012!

Jesse Wallace

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." -Philippians 4:13

Environmental 9, FCA 9, 10, 11, SADD 9, 10, Basketball 9, Soccer 9, 10

Brett Walther

"It is not trespassing if it is parkour."

FCA 9, 10, 11, NHS 11, 12, Baseball 9, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Tennis 12

Alyssa Watkins

Choir 9, 10, Powder-puff 12

"Life is a dance, you learn as you go, sometimes you lead, sometimes you follow."

Felicity Way

"Men are like cheese, they take a long time to mature."

Book Club 11, 12, Environmental 10, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Foreign Language 10, NHS 11, 12, FEA 9, 10, 11, 12, SADD 12, Spell Bowl 12

Camille Webster

"Live your life to the fullest because you never know when the day comes, you can't open your eyes."

FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, Pioneerz 10, 11, SADD 12, Sunshine 9, Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12 (JV Captain)

Dustin Wells

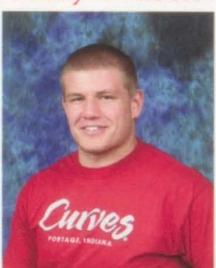
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Congratulations class of 2012!

Justin Wicker

"In ten years if you're not doing what you really want, you might as well quit."

Class Officer (President) 10, 11, NHS 11, 12, Pioneerz 9, 10, 11, 12, SADD 12, Student Council 10, 11, 12, Technology 9, 10, Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12

Casey Wilson

Congratulations class of 2012!

Cheerleading 10 (Lifter), Football 10, 11

Jake Wright

Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Football 9, 11

"YEE-HAW!"

Jordan Wright

"Love me or hate me, you can never break me."

Book Club 12, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 11, 12, FCA 9, 10, SADD 12, Powder Puff 11, 12, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12, Tennis 9

Zhicheng Xin

"Never give up." -Kobe Bryant

Exchange Student

Travis Yates

FFA 9, 10, 11, 12

"Live life to the fullest, kick back with no regrets."

Brittney Young



Book Club 12, Choir 9, Drama 10, NHS 10, 11, 12

"Dream as if you will live forever, live as if you were to die today."

Shane Young



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Congratulations class of 2012!

Nicholas Zoppetti



FCA 11, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

"Why do it tomorrow when you could do it today?"

Where are seniors headed after high school...?



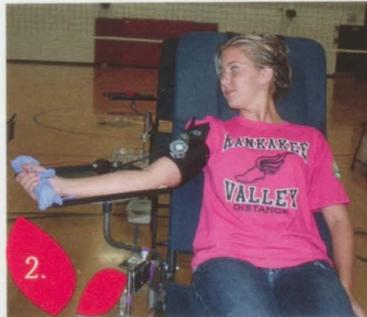
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1. Zachery Miller
2. Peggy Boufis
3. Kevin Cooper
4. Lindsey Swim
5. Nicholas Tiemens
6. Holly VanSoest
7. Andrew Remmers



8. Christine Vorderer
9. Tyler Lynch
10. Cori Hemphill
11. Robert Drangmeister
12. Hailey Ketchum
13. George Starcevic
14. Kyle Agonis



Not Pictured:
Andrew Arndt, John Cowgill, Charles Curtis, Dayton Dellahan, Ohirnym Erdenechimeg, Eriberto Espino, Ralph Gentry, Kandice Haun, Talia Hernandez, Joshua Hesson, Brittnie Howard, Travis Huttons, Robert Hynes, Ashley Klisurich, LisaAnne Lane, Joshua Lemon, Heather Loop, Tyler Lynch, Derek Malloch, Robert Manns, Shannon Meeks, Jamie Oliver, Jose Perez Frias, Jessica Perry, Natasha Rupert, Cassandra Sims, Gwendolyn Snow, Rebecca Snow, Breanne Sorba, George Starcevic, Matthieu Sternberg, Amanda Stuchly, Jacob Tovo, Linda Wagner



1. Jerry Boswell & Nicholas Zoppetti
2. Megan Luedtke
3. Christopher Rusk
4. Yesenia Origel



Class of 2013

Best you've ever seen

By Maranda Brown
& Miranda Retzlaff

With 259 juniors, the class of 2013 dominated the halls of the school. With one year of high school left, they learned what their hobbies were, who their true friends were, and what kind of person they wanted to become in life.

Beating the seniors in a challenging game of Powder Puff, juniors celebrated with Coaches McDaniel and Nowak at a banquet on October 21. Junior representative for Homecoming was Brianne Niemiec escorted by Tyler Black.

Closer and more spirited than ever, Lillian Luttringer created a Facebook page specifically for the class. Any junior could become a member on this site. Students asked about homework

assignments and talked about what they could do to win the spirit stick. "I made the page for the juniors because it's a good way for everyone to stay connected," said Luttringer. Luttringer, along with Alyssa Matson, came up with the idea to have a flash mob during the school day. Music played over the intercom while they danced to "Party Rock Anthem" and "The Bernie."

Nicole Wisneski, Vincent Lynch, and Taylor Nomanson earned lead roles in the fall play "Once Upon a Mattress." Wisneski exclaimed, "This was a really memorable experience for me because I had a lot of fun with my character. I got to climb 20 mattresses and jump into a fake moat. It was really cool."

Class Officers: President Shelby Schoon, Secretary Mackenzie Misner, Vice President Kimberly Stalbaum, Treasurer Vincent Lynch. Class sponsors were Mr. Jeff Martin and Mrs. Jill Steiner. "This is my first year being a class officer, and I really enjoy it. A lot of responsibility comes with the job, and I do my best to fulfill my duties," said Schoon.



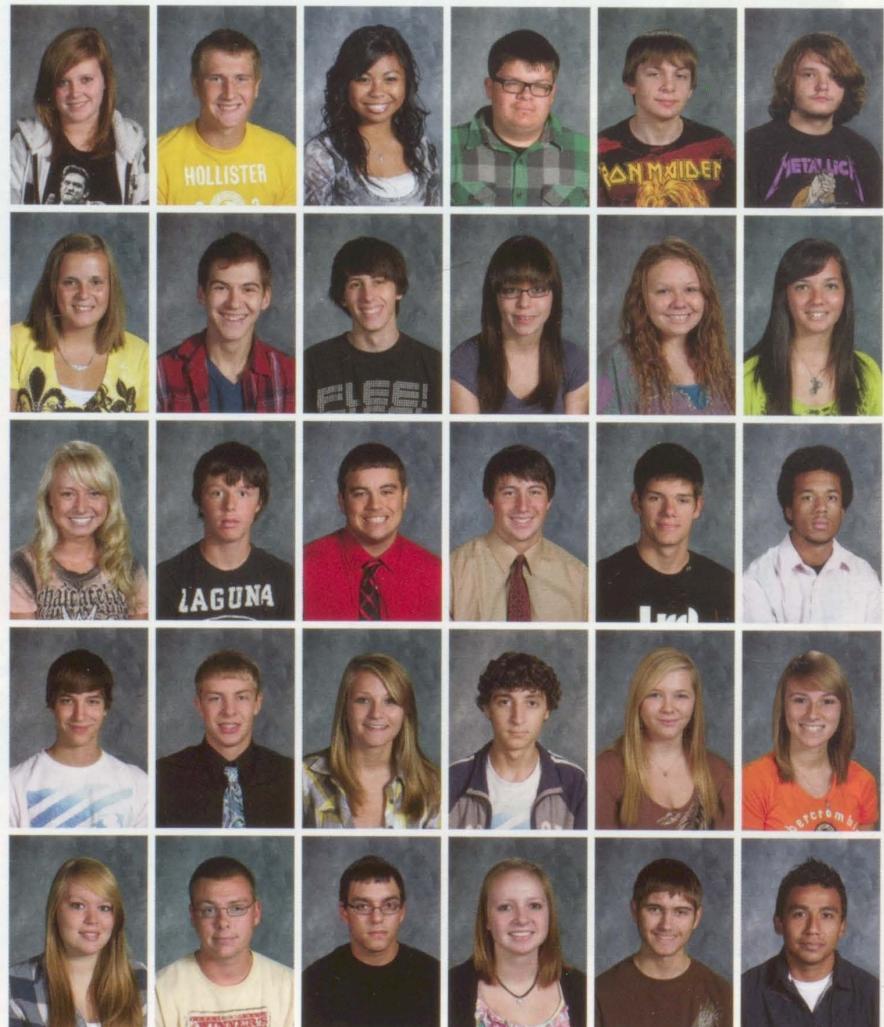
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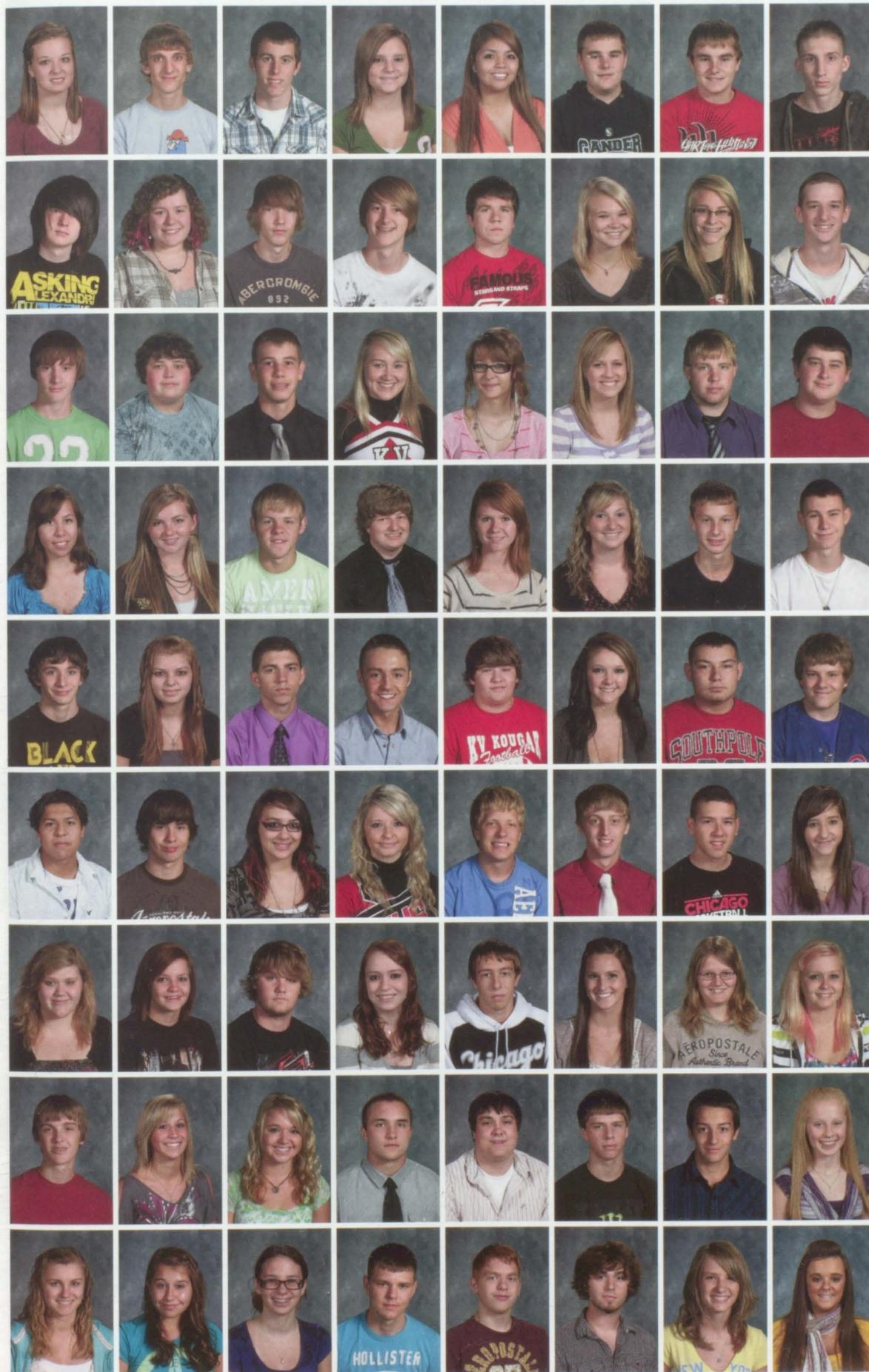
Sarah Axtell
Nathan Bachorski
Cody Bailey
Brittany Baker
Kaylyn Banaszak
Haley Becker

Alysia Beenes
Ryan Beere
Matthew Berdine
Tyler Birky
Tyler Black
Joseph Blackwell

Brandon Boer
Joel Bolen
Kaitlin Boonstra
Terry Boufis
Brittany Braden
Tori Brodner

Maranda Brown
Joshua Buchmeier
George Burns
Ashlyn Carlson-Burke
Alex Carlton
Luis Cazares





Christine Cilek
Tyler Ciszar
Christopher Clark
Helen Clark
Erika Clemente
Kody Conner
Kory Conner
Jacob Cooper

John Cooper
Katlyn Cooper
Tyler Craft
Evan Croft
Cruz Crouch
Emily Cwiklinski
Christin Dahn
Tyler Danta

Skyler Davis
Tyler DeHaan
Justin DeJong
Leanne Delinsky
Heather DeWitt
Kristin Drenth
Jonathan Driscoll
Brian Dunne

Candice Eck
Kelsey Eenigenburg
Justin Eger
Andrew Ervin
Laura Estrada
Lindsey Fenstermaker
Jay Fieldhouse
Anthony Ford

Alexander Forrestall
Amber Furlano
Grady Garland
Richard Gawronski
Jacon Geeve
Paige Gifford
Cody Godina
Steven Golightly

Jose Gomez
Jamie Gonzales
Andriana Gonzalez
Ashley Gooden
Luke Gouwens
Dillon Grace
Spencer Guerrero
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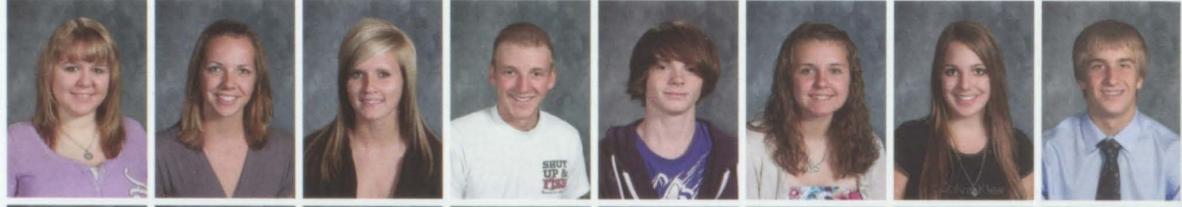
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Jeremy Howard
Joshua Hudspeth
Sophia Hufnagel

Shelby Hurst
Nicole Jaki
Katherine Jefferson
Austin Johnson
Cameron Johnson
James Johnson
Felicia Jones
Kirstie Jones

Renee Jones
Samuel Jonkman
Coral Justice
Dillon Kerns
Kyle Kerulis
Nicole Ketchem
Dustin Ketelaar
Jake Kistler



Kelsey Kordys
Jordan Kroll
Rachel Krupa
Frank Lapota
Christian Leeming
Melanie Loslo
Wiebke Luhrs
Mark Lukacek



Lillian Luttringer
Vincent Lynch
Mario Madrid
Tyler Malysa
Morgan Mann
James Marich
Kayelin Martens
Alyssa Matson



Nina Maze
Drake McCarty
Hannah McDaniel
Kristina McKinney
Grace McMahan
Justin McPeters
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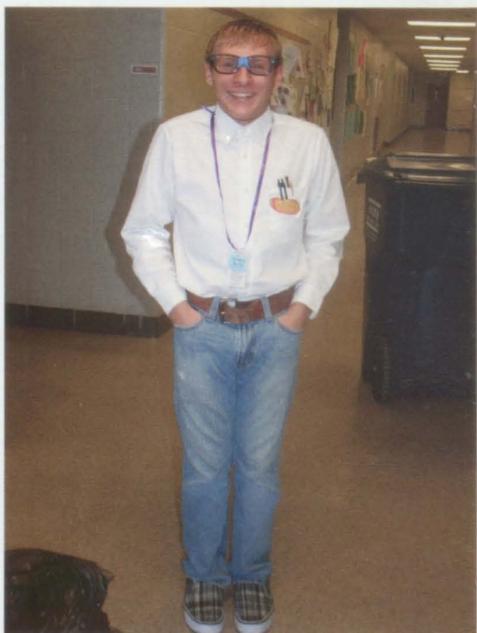
A Perfect Friday Night...

"I would be having fun cheering at a basketball game, getting home at ten, doing chores or homework, then going to bed so I could get up and do it all over again!"

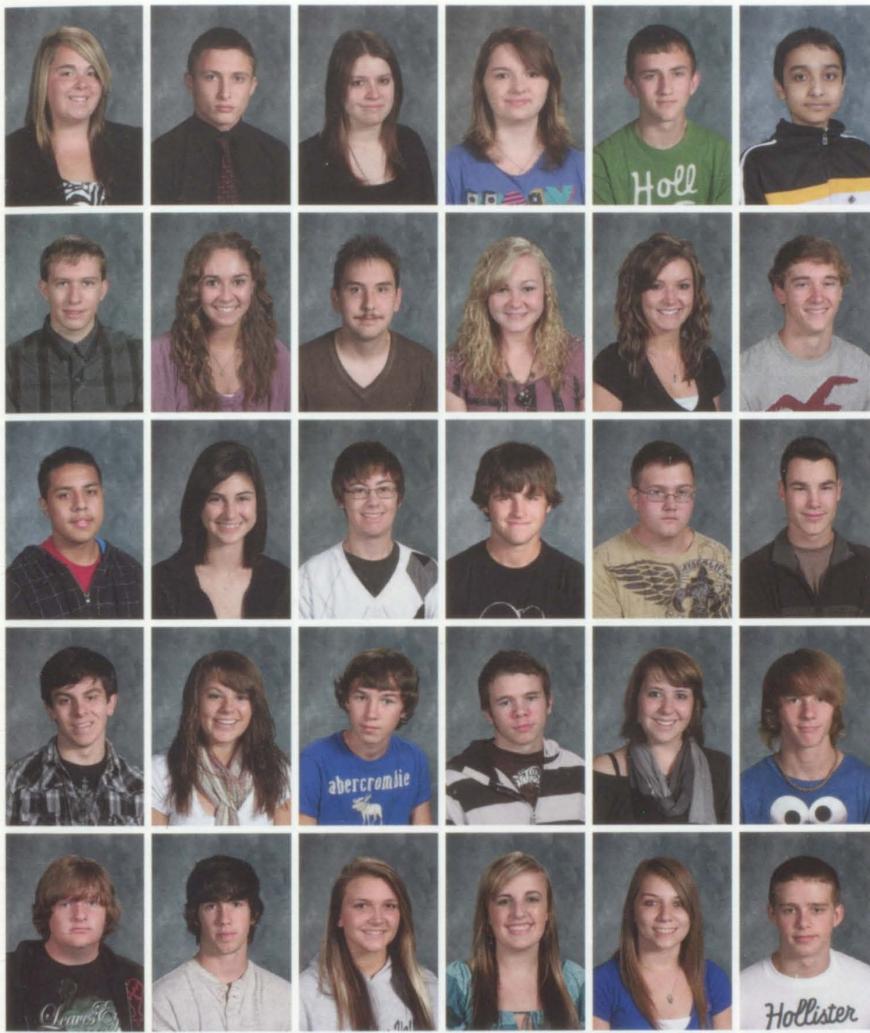
-Coral Justice

"I would be playing the most intense football game I have ever played with all of my football family and coming out on top with a big "W" that shocked the state!"

-Darrell Holme



Drake McCarty dresses up in his most nerdy attire for Halloween dress-up day. "Dressing up was my favorite memory of the school year because I did it to symbolize that I am really cracking down on my school work," said McCarty. Photo by B. Likens



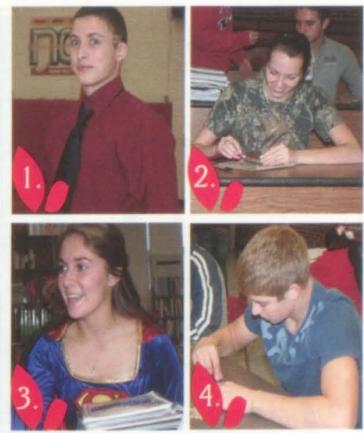
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Arham Nadeem

Ryan Nichols
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Kyle Noland
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Adanna Oney
Bradly Oney

Sergio Ortega
Haley Overby
Tyler Palmer
Dakota Partin
Justin Patton
Michael Petruska

Yianni Petsalis
Taurie Piatt
Dean Pigg
Matthew Plummer
Erin Poole
Matthew Pope

Ryan Postma
Brady Powers
Sydney Pumnea
Jordyn Rentschler
Miranda Retzlaff
Jeramie Reuhl



1. John Morrison
2. Jordan Kroll
3. Brianna Niemiec
4. Joel Bolen



Best friends Haley Overby and Christin Dahn tell each other a funny story at the bottom of the stairs in the new West Annex during passing period. "My friends mean a lot to me. My true friends are always there for me, and I couldn't get through high school without them," said Overby. Photo by M. Brown

Gabrielle Henning films her classmate for the weekly "What's Happening" segment. "I like being a part of this class because we all have to get along and work together to get things done right and on time. It allows you to open up and have fun while doing work," said Henning. Photo by M. Retzlaff

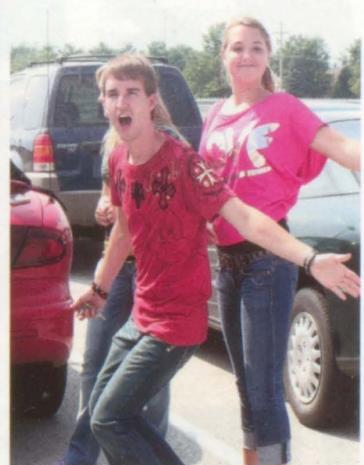


Jamie Stovall and Richard Gawkowski work together on a group project. "My favorite class was US History because Mrs. Price is hilarious, and my best friend is in there," said Stovall. Photo by A. Matson

On the day of the game, Alyia Beenes and Brooke Scheurich wore their Powder Puff uniforms to school. "It was really exciting to beat the seniors, especially when the game was over, and everyone ran out onto the field," said Scheurich. Photo by M. Retzlaff



Dillon Grace does a dance during Freshman Mentor training day. "I like being goofy so I really loved wearing the hat. Being a Mentor is great, I really enjoy helping freshmen out and having a sense of responsibility over them. I am thankful I am a positive role model for them," said Grace. Photo by T. Kingma



Before the traditional rivalry game against Rensselaer Central, Blake Tuohy and Rylie Hoffman get pumped up for the game. "Friends are the most important part of my life and always will be," said Tuohy. Photo by A. Matson

Branching in... for the Spikedown Win!

“I felt like a winner! I couldn’t of done it without my teammates! I am glad we beat the seniors, and my biggest accomplishment was dressing up in short shorts!”

-Jeramie Reuhi

“It felt good to beat the seniors because they always think they are going to win. Our biggest accomplishment was playing as a team and winning three games in a row.”

-Jacob Smith

Lauren Rhoades
Andrew Ribicki
Nathan Richie
Brandon Rios
Heather Rios
Bennett Rish

Yereni Rodriguez
Stephanie Sabol
Marisol Sanchez
Austin Sanders
Stephanie Scally
David Schaffner

Brooke Scheurich
Jacob Scholz
Shelby Schoon
Ashley Schultz
Cody Sekema
Trevor Shelhart

Joseph Shepard
Cody Shindle
Brittany Shinkle
Branden Shonk
Jacob Shreve
Roger Sims



“I decided to participate in Academic teams because it had always been a fun challenge. I feel like the work was much worth it because I did better than everyone else,” said Ryan Beere. Beere was on the Decathlon team that placed 13th in state competition. Pictured teammate: Trevor Shelhart
Photo by K. McKinney



Peer tutoring helped Mr. Paul Epley’s class during gym. They ran with the kids and helped them get their exercise. “I love working with other people, and this class lets me do that. I hope this will help me in my future job of being a teacher,” commented Lauren Rhoades. Pictured: Taylor Bailey Photo by M. Brown



“My fondest memory was the first day of school because everything was so hectic and confusing, but I knew my friends were right with me. Also, I liked having the freshmen come up to me and ask for help. It made me feel good that as an upperclassman, I could help those younger than me,” said Ashley Gooden. Photo by M. Brown



For the Lip Sync, Brittany Hale strolls around the gym in a robot costume. “I wanted to be a part of the dance, but I was told that they needed a robot so I decided to help. It was a lot of fun because I got to hang out with my friends and wear a silly outfit,” said Hale. Photo by M. Brown



Dancing to the junior class song, Mrs. Hallie Chicki and Sydny Pumnea demonstrate how to do ‘The Bernie.’ Pumnea said, “I never thought I would be doing the Bernie in front of the class with my favorite teacher. We are all so close that I didn’t feel embarrassed at all.” Photo by M. Brown



After being called out on the court to receive the golden football, junior girls pose with their trophy. “I liked how the whole school got together, and I enjoyed watching all the performances. The best part was when we got the golden football for Powder Puff,” said German Exchange Student Wiebke Luhrs. Also pictured: Coral Justice, Lauren Rhoades, and Alyssa Matson Photo by M. Brown



Jesse Slawnikowski
 Jacob Smith
 Michael Smith
 Trenton Smith
 Patrick Snow Counterman
 Jennifer Sobierajski
 Kimberly Stalbaum
 Tayler Stamper

James Stemper
 Christopher Stites
 Amber Stott
 Jamie Stovall
 Maribeth Strong
 David Struble
 Kyle Stuhlmacher
 Amber Suprana

Jacob Swartz
 Hunter Sweet
 Lisa Talaski
 Amanda Taylor
 Pedro Teixeira
 Alexxus Thomason
 Alexis Tinkel
 Meagan Tolney

Ashley Towner
 Carlie Troper
 Alyssa Tucker
 Emily Tucker
 Kailani Tuiono
 Blake Tuohy
 Sean Valois
 Brent VanSoest

Jeremy Vega
 Joshua Vega
 Casey Voigt
 Christopher Vorderer
 Jacob Vujko
 Jacob Weaver
 Jay Weaver
 Trevor White

Joshua Whitehead
 Kyle Whitehead
 Andrea Wireman
 Cella Wireman
 Nicole Wisneski
 Stephen Yarchan
 Danielle Zaremba
 Mauricio Zavala



Stephanie Scally, Rejean Almira, and Alexander Forrestall watch anxiously during the dodgeball game in hopes of their favorite team winning. "The dodgeball

tournament was a lot of fun because I got to have a good time with all of my friends and 'The Super Seniors' won!" exclaimed Forrestall. Photo by B. Likens

**Question
Answer**

High School

so far...

"Is very interesting. Nothing like I thought it would be. When I see people from elementary school all I can think of is how much they have changed!"

-Grace McMahan

"Has gone by really fast. It's hard to believe that I only have a year left before it's all over."

-Nicole Mosher

Not Pictured:

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Sophomores Swing into School with Excitement

Stuck in the middle, 266 sophomores strove to achieve recognition. Travis Conley in cross country and Luke Sanderson in tennis topped the charts while Ashley Norberg reigned as the class Homecoming Representative, escorted by Sanderson.

During the pep session, Michael Vega showcased his gymnastic skills in the lip sync. "It started when I was about eight years old. I had a mattress on my floor and tried a back flip, I got scared so I put my hands down, and it turned out to be a back-hand spring. I eventually taught myself more and more," commented Vega. Other sophomores who participated in lip sync included Katelin

By Ashley Warren & Michael Roth

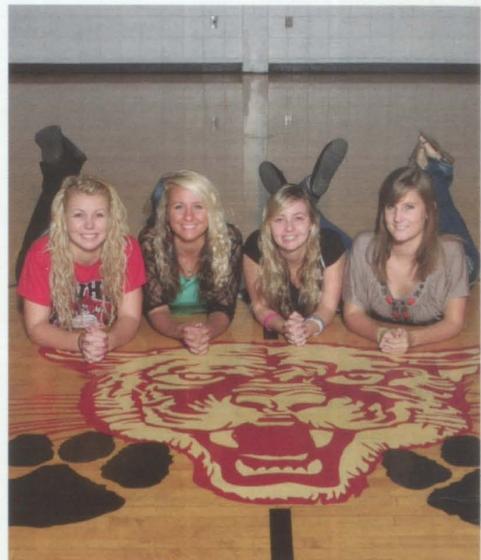
Lott and Lacey Myers.

Leading the way were the class officers and first time sponsor Mr. Sean Lane. "We have a great class and a great goal. Everybody seemed to be involved. Our motto was, 'Nobody graduates later than 2014,'" explained Lane.

On October 12, all sophomores were required to take the PSAT during the school day. The test lasted for four hours and covered mathematics, language and critical reading skills. "I found the PSAT to be challenging, but not to the extent to where it was too hard," said Morgan Cavinder.

Hugh O' Brian Award went to Daniel Reyes. Alternate was Grace Huddleston.

Class officers: Secretary Hannah Wilder, vice president Natalie Lotz, president Tatiana Adams, and treasurer Madalyn Steinke. "The best part about being secretary is being involved with the class and helping choose activities to bring our class together," commented Wilder.



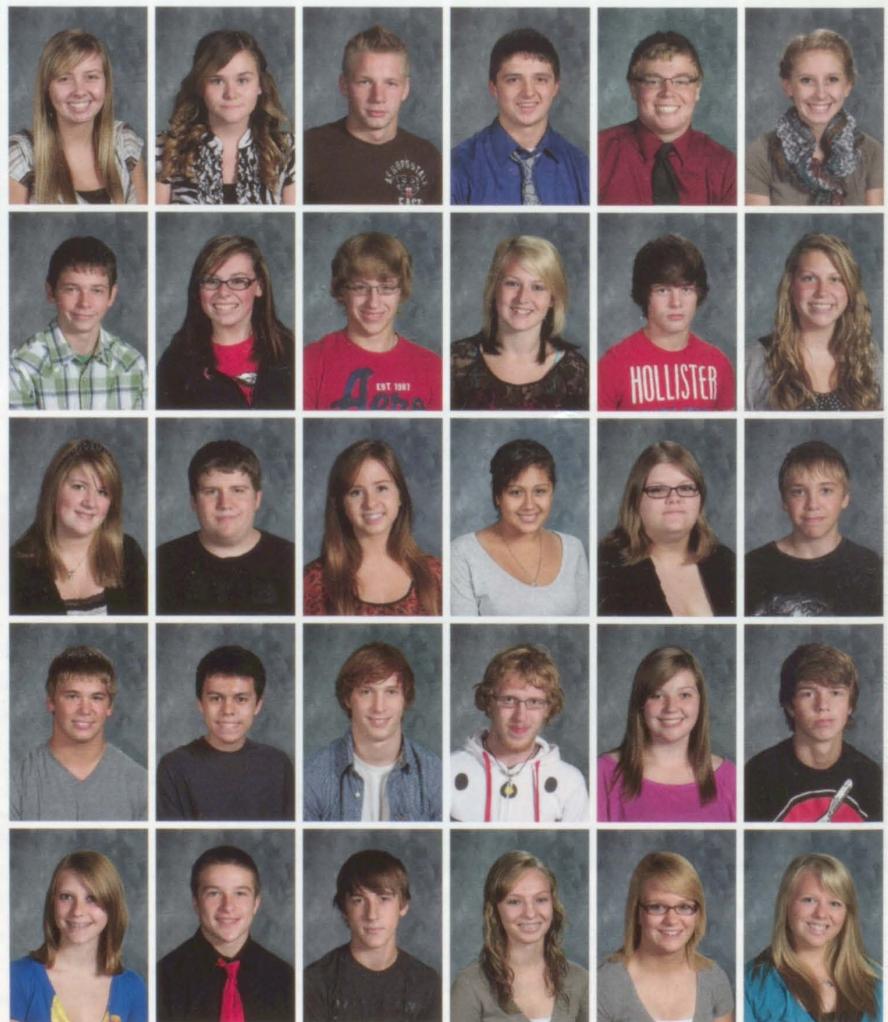
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Ayden Blake

Aubrey Boonstra
Austin Brewster
Hunter Brodner
Jordan Brodner
Lyric Buchanan
Kirsten Burden





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Megan Davis
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Amanda DeRolf

Samantha Dewes
Madison DeYoung
Jesus Diaz Herrera
Karla Diaz Herrera
Walter Dinga
Miranda Dodge
Michael Driski
Gregory Driscoll

Jerzy Dunlap
Karla Duran
Justin Early
Christiana Easton
Dylan Eckenrod
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Jordan Fagenbaum
Adelaide Forden

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Matthew Hyatt
John Idzik
Alejandro Infante
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Tyler Jaeger
Bethany Jansma



Ashley Jarrette
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Joli Jungels
Katelyn Kamminga
Zachary Kedziora
Rachel Kerkes
Megan Kinney
Allison Klarich

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Arianna Koppen
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Natalie Lotz
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Gabrielle Martin
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A Perfect Friday Night...

"My perfect Friday night is going to cheerleading practice and hanging out with friends afterwards."

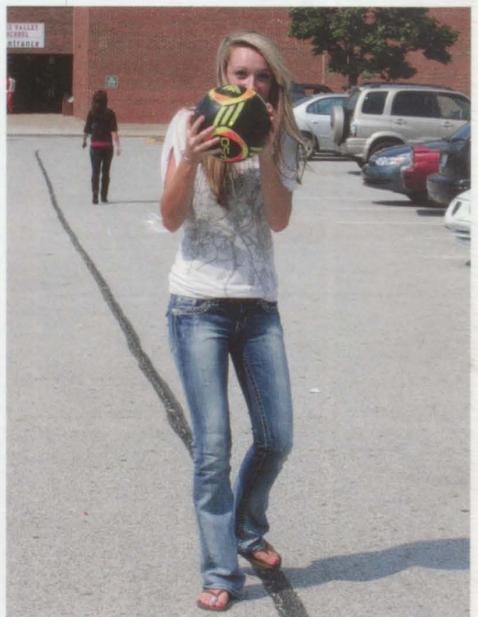
-Janna Witvoet

"My perfect Friday night is staying up late and reading a good book."

-Christopher Berns

"My perfect Friday night is laying around, watching television, and eating a lot of food, or going to a sporting event at the school."

-John Miles



In the parking lot after school, Olivia Trainor walks to practice. "My favorite activity to do after school is playing tennis because it's my favorite sport, and it's a fun way to stay in shape," added Trainor. Photo by A. Matson



Hannah Misch
Tyler Montgomery
Jason Morgan
Adrian Morrow
Leanna Mulloy



David Munoz
Lacey Myers
Matthew Myers
Paige Myers
Jessica Nagel



Micheal Nannenga
Mike Nava
Jorey Neely
Tyler Niehoff
Ashley Norberg



Kaylin Orsburn
Kevin Orsburn
Alex Parks
Kathrine Patz
Maria Perez



Everardo Perez Frias
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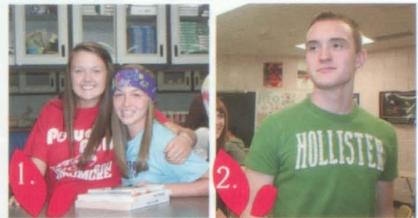
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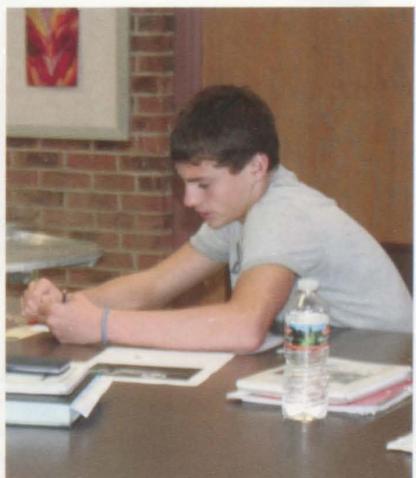
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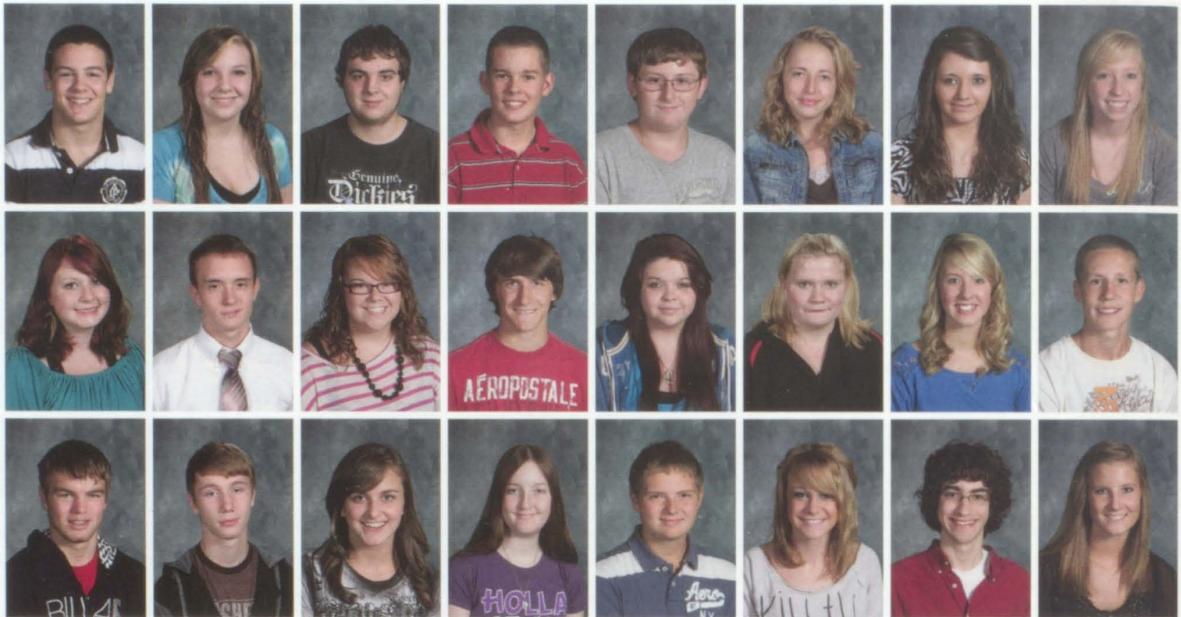


While walking to class, Hannah Misch shares a laugh with friends. "I enjoy all of my classes, but if I had to pick one it would be Spanish because I get to bond with my friends and learn a new language," said Misch. *Photo by A. Warren*



"Drawing class is fun because I get to hang out with friends I do not get to see often," replied Shaon Wright. *Photo by A. Warren*

Andrew Schultheis
Skylar Scott
William Seaton
Travis Seibt
Brad Severs
Jessica Sewell
Jessica Sexton
Taylor Shaffer



Emily Shear
Henry Shelby
Cassandra Shevock
Stephen Sholey
Mallory Simmons
Brittany Sims
Abbey Sittema
Briar Smith

Nathaniel Smith
Cody Snowden
Amber Southard
Brianna Stahl
Christopher Stalbaum
Brooklyn Starr
Matthew Staton
Madalyn Steinke

Before 6th hour, Brooklyn Starr talks to friends. "The funniest moment of my sophomore year was when I had a huge hole in the back of my pants and no one decided to tell me until last hour," said Starr. Photo by C. Wallace



While hiding in the closet, Tyler Niehoff tries to scare his fellow classmates. "My fondest memory of sophomore year was winning against Lowell in soccer 6-4. It was a dirty game, and we showed Lowell how to play real soccer," said Niehoff. Photo by M. Roth



During ceramics, Madison Alexander molds a pot out of clay. "What I like most about art class is that students have the opportunity to express themselves, and it is a class that I look forward to every day. It is the only class I can be myself in," said Alexander. Photo by A. Cobb



Tyler Montgomery smiles after getting his face painted. "Theatre Arts is a pretty cool class because it's not the normal sit down and take notes kind of class. You also get to be very creative," said Montgomery. Photo by M. Roth



After getting an 'A' on a test, Jarrett Barcelli poses in front of the class. "The best part of my year was the day when Mike Roth told me to fill out this quote sheet because I like filling out papers," added Barcelli. Photo by M. Roth



During SRT, Joli Jungels works on homework. "My best memory of sophomore year was the girls' cross country team qualifying for semi-state. I also liked all the parties cross country had," commented Jungels. Photo by M. Roth

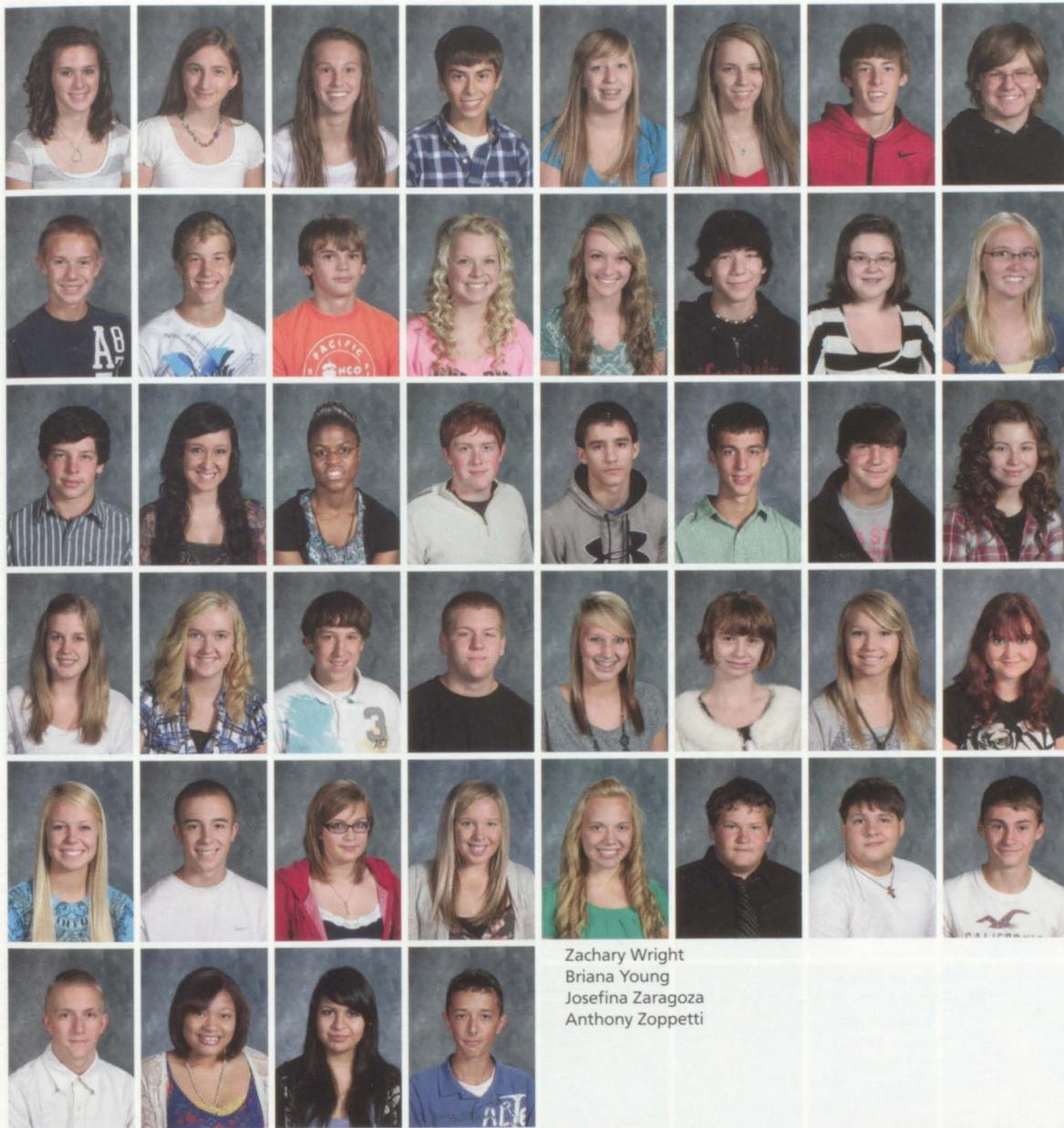


In 3rd hour English, Jerzy Dunlap awaits instructions. "My funniest memory was after school when my friends and I went to McDonalds before a football game," said Dunlap. Photo by M. Roth



In art class, Emily Prairie cuts plastic bags to use as yarn. "My biggest accomplishment was recycling plastic bags to make mats for homeless people in Chicago," said Prairie. Photo by A. Warren





Brittany Stepp
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Robert Svitek
Hannah Swim
Brooke Sytsma
Cody Sytsma
William Teeter

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Derick Tesh
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Jessica Tiemens
Olivia Trainor
Zachary Triolo
Genna Truelock
Erin Uhrhammer

Devin Uylaki
Jessica VanBaren
Pamela Vander Woude
Brandon VanSoest
Michael Vega
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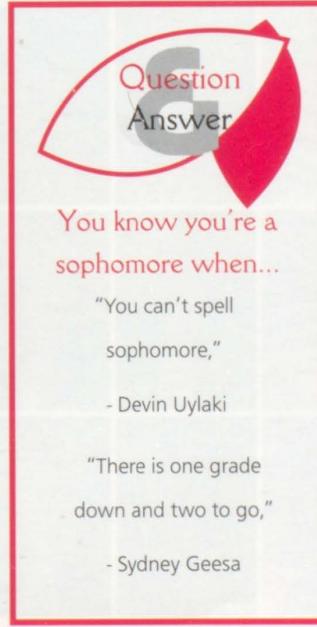
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Freshmen Kick Off High School Years

By Belanah Chavez & Tyler Pritt

On August 16, 279 freshmen took their first step towards a diploma for a future career. "My first day was a little weird. I went to the Cougar Kick-off, but I still didn't know where I was," said Dustin Bohanon.

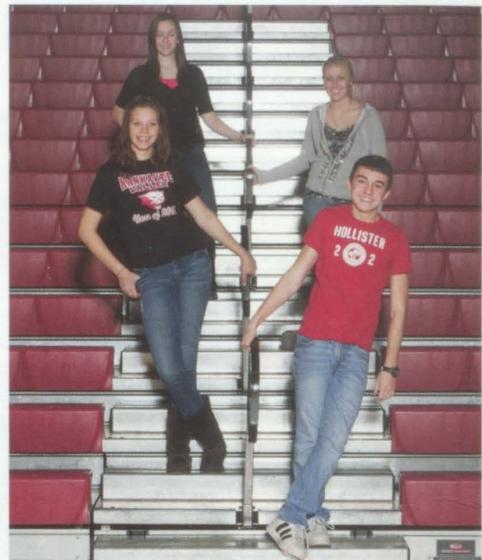
To kick off Homecoming week, with encouragement from their class sponsor, Mr. John Spinks, freshmen led a parade throughout the school. At the front of the parade was the 2015 banner designed by classmate Malia Comia. Freshmen defeated the sophomores 12 to 6 in Powder Puff. Hanna Helton escorted by Alan Klemp, was the Homecoming Representative. At

the end of the week, freshmen placed second overall behind the seniors.

During the 23 minutes between periods five and six freshmen participated in Freshman Focus to help them better adjust to high school. "My favorite activity was when we had to dress up a classmate with toilet paper, we had a lot of ideas," said Matthew Kralik.

Outstanding freshmen included Mackenzie Glenn and Kelsie Chaney. Glenn performed in the *Nutcracker* at Star Plaza and played the parts of Harlequin, Butterfly, and a Russian. Chaney took college classes at Northwestern. "It was a fun and unique experience to take classes on a college campus," said Chaney.

Class Officers: Vice president Mia Stevens, president Bryce Gawronski, secretary Corissa Abell, treasurer Megan VanVleet. "Being vice president is pretty cool, I like being able to help people without the stress of presidency," said Stevens.



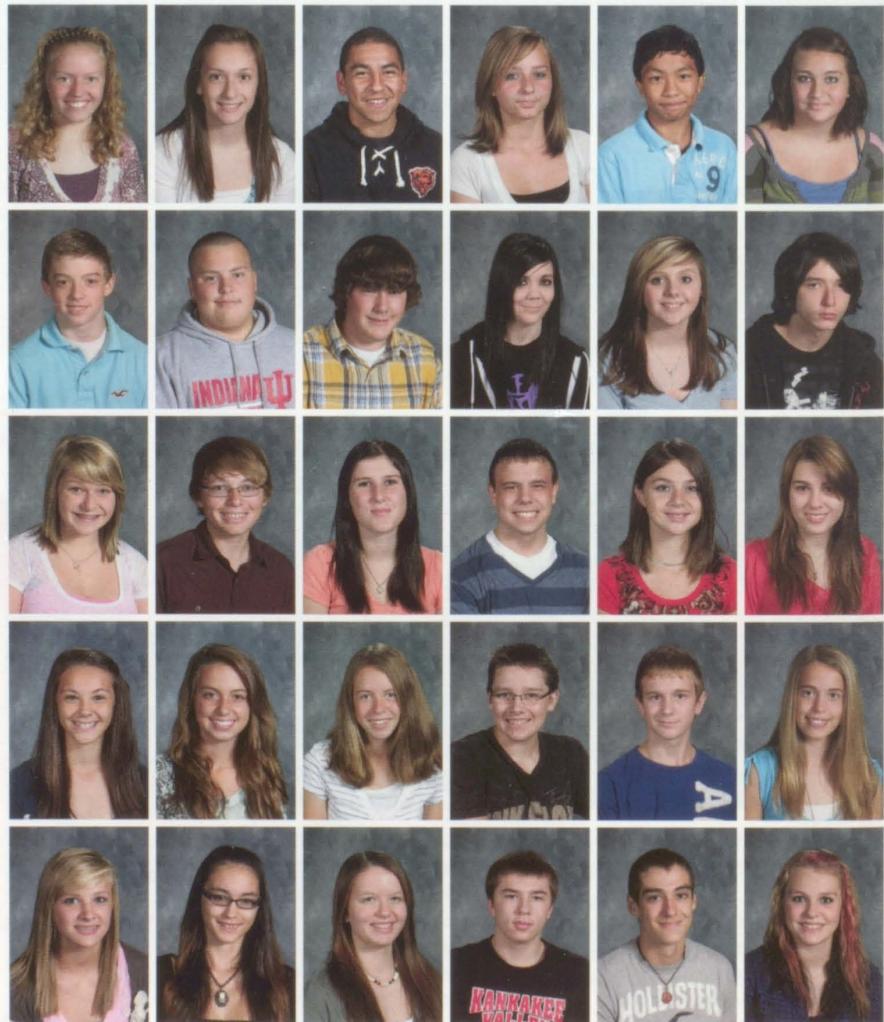
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David Bohannon
Dustin Bohannon
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Caleb Boose
Jason Borgman
Amy Brennan
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Belanah Chavez
Chase Clark



Anthony Clendenen
Cassandra Cleveland
Kyler Collins
Kyle Comer
Malia Comia
Colten Conley
Taylor Cope
Nicholas Craig



Christian Crum
Hannah Dancer
Hunter DeHaan
Taylor DeKock
Kyle Delinsky
Mackenzie DeMars
Ryan DeMars
Jacob DeSimini



Jordon Dittrich
Kaitlyn Dock
Ashleigh Downey
Nicole Drennan
Savannah Dugan
Johnathon Dunham
Ricardo Duran
Madison Dyer



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Ty Furgey
Nathan Furlano



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A Perfect Friday Night...

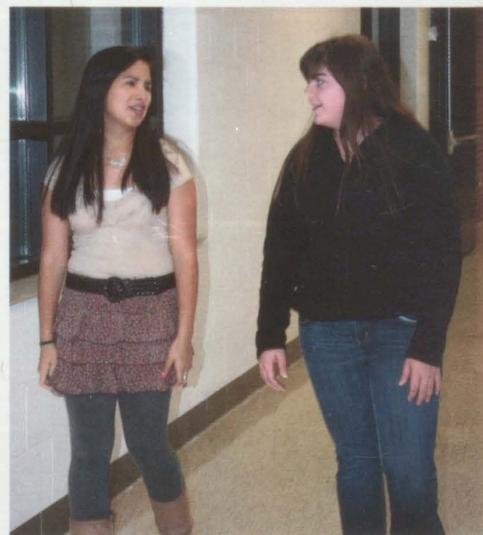
"For me, I think the perfect Friday night would be watching a metal band like Metallica or Slipknot for free or eating pizza and White Castle at the same time."
-Santiago Padilla

"A perfect Friday night is when I'm just hanging out with a bunch of my friends and having a good time."

-Jordon Dittrich

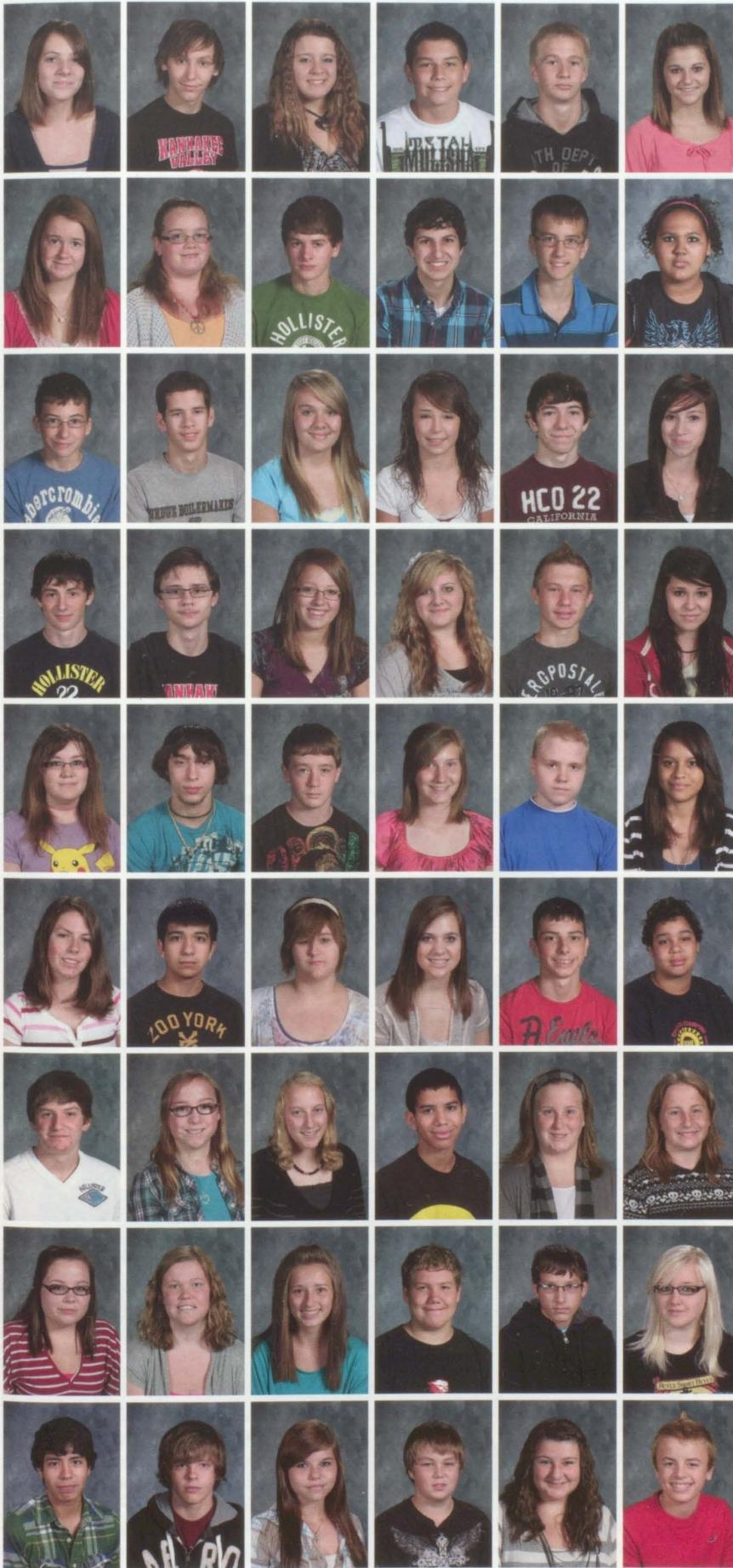
"A perfect Friday night is going to the varsity basketball games and hanging out with my friends."

-Nicholas Craig



When it comes to style, Aracely Reyes and Heather Yates are right on time. Dressed in popular 80's fashion, Reyes sports tights, a layered skirt, accent belt and tapered shirt, while Yates wears the ever popular jeans and sweatshirt. No matter what they wear, their day centers on their favorite people and classes. "My favorite class was choir because I enjoy singing, and it lets me express myself," said Reyes.

Photo by B. Chavez



Kaitlyn Leach
Brandon Lesczynski
Kiana Letica
Gage Thomas Lovely
Matthew Lukacek
Rebecca Mackey

Paige Maki
Carly Manning
Timothy Marich
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Brandon Martin
Jazzmond Mays

Chase McCoy
Keith McGing
Heather Meeks
Jenna Maxine Meeks
Emmett Meiss
Jasmine Middleton

Riley Misch
Jacob Murray
Jenna Musall
Holly Neely
Joseph Neely
Amber North

Brianna Obrenski
Damien Oldfield
Justin Oliver
Cassandra Ooms
Chase Oost
Tania Ortega

Morgan Overstreet
Santiago Padilla
Haleigh Palmer
Shanan Patrick
Kyle Patton
Nathaniel Pettit

Eric Philbrook
Abigail Phillips
Annelise Phillips
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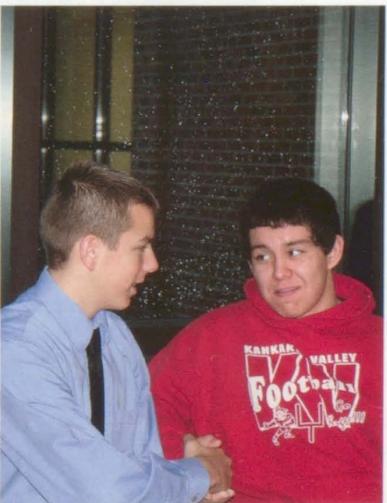
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1. Joshua Smith
2. Mia Forden
3. Ryan DeMars
4. Bailey Richardson



On December 5, Rhenz Almira, Jacob DeSimini, Eric Philbrook, Matt Lukacek, and Chase Clark, Phat Kids, wait for a chance to play dodgeball. "I enjoyed being on a dodgeball team with my friends. It was both fun and challenging" commented Almira. Photo by B. Likens



Before school starts, Jake Forden, Anthony Clendenen, and other freshmen hang out and talk in the West Annex. "Before the bell I like to hang out with my friends by the Freshman Academy," said Clendenen. Photo by B. Chavez

Aracely Reyes
Emily Rhoades
Jessica Rhoades
Bailey Richardson
Shaylin Riddle
Evelyn Rios
Elissa Rivera
Alan Roach



Enrique Rodriguez
Caitlin Roth
Ryan Rotkovich
Katie Sanders
Paige Sanders
Beau Sarosy
Adam Sayers
Justin Scally



Koy Schmidt
Triston Schmitt
Chance Schofield
Kendall Schultz
Lindsay Seaman
D'anna Sears
Mykenzie Seegers
Gracie Setlak



Jeremy Shearer
Joshua Shearer
Jacob Shebesh
Ethan Shindle
Austin Simanson
Chase Sizemore
Cooper Smith
Joshua Smith



Opening her packed lunch, Madalyn Fiscus said, "I like bringing my lunch because it's cheaper and healthier than the school lunch, and I don't have to wait in the long lines." Photo by T. Pritt



Tania Ortega converses with classmates during Child Development. "The one thing I really like about freshman year is all the new friends I have made. I don't think I would've ever been friends with them if it wasn't for freshman year," said Ortega. Photo by B. Chavez



Working on a study guide for World History finals with Mrs. Skrobl, Chase Rector comments, "I'm going to use the cramming method to study and work all weekend before the finals." Photo by T. Pritt



Garrett Hartman eats a lunch he purchased from Ala Carte. "My favorite moment as a freshman was when I realized that I'm almost grown up and already getting on track to a good future," noted Garrett Hartman. Photo by T. Pritt



Sharing a secret, Hanna Helton passes info onto Ashley Burns. "In English class, Mr. Bennett asked how many people had hats, and Hanna said, 'I have pants, I have them on.' I told her that he asked who had hats on. We both laughed for a long time," said Burns. Photo by B. Chavez



Time line posters from Mr. Spinks' English class look interesting to Sintia Carrera. "The transition for middle school to high school was kind of exciting. At first I was a little bit scared of not having classes with my friends, but I'm glad to be in high school," said Carrera. Photo by B. Chavez



Cooper Smith talks about preparing for the Renaissance Fair in World History. "I enjoyed learning the new building and meeting new teachers. My first day was a little hard, but I easily figured it out," said Smith. Photo by B. Chavez



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Michael Sokol
Monica Sprouse
Nathan Stall
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Victoria Strong
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Question
Answer

What advice would you give to a freshman?

"High school is better than what people say. You should cherish every moment."

- Monica Sprouse

"Do not talk bad about other students because it could start a fight."

- Neal Klingaman

Branching Out to Students

Teachers inspire their students by decorating their classrooms in unique ways. One of those teachers was Mrs. Hallie Chicki, "I wanted my room to look like a coffee shop or a café because they are relaxing and are places where art, like poetry and literature, is often shared."

In Mrs. Tara Kingma's room, pictures of students were on almost every wall, along with posters and flowers on her desk. "Kids

love to see pictures of themselves. The posters are of what I teach, like Simple Six. I'm here every day, so I try to make it feel like home by putting up flowers."

Ms. Gayle Smith decorated the foreign language hallway to look like a Plaza in Europe or a Zocalo in Mexico. She put a fountain, a bicycle, plants, and many other objects in the hallway to give it a "tourist feel." Also, her classroom had flags covering the ceiling.



Terri Dickerson & Sheila Shields

Tim Adams
English



Kelly Babb
Science



Kelly Benge
Home Economics



Jordan Boone
Office Secretary



Nicholas Boersma
Band



Ronald Cates
English



Hallie Chicki
English



Tony Cochran
Art



Dave DeFries
Business



Dawn Deiotte
Special Needs Aide



Jamie DeVos
Attendance Secretary



Terri Dickerson
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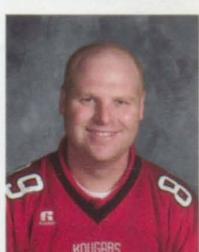
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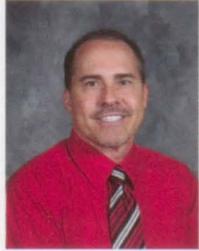
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"A teacher affects eternity: he can never tell where his influence stops" - Henry Adams



Karan Howard

Mathematics

Steve Inman

FFA/Technology

Tara Kingma

English

Maria Klingaman

Aide

Gloria Kreischer

ESL

Susan Kwiatkowski

English

Shawn Lane

Science

Keeman Lobsiger

Principal

Tammy Lukacek

ISS

Jeff Martin

Technology

Kay Masten

German

Kathy McKinney

English/Publications

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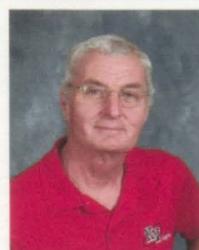
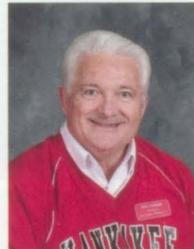
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Who are your branches influencing?

"The best thing about being a Freshman Focus teacher is watching my mentors work with the freshmen and aide them in their adjustment to the academic and social aspects of high school."

-Mr. Brian Fogarty, History

Pictured: Lauren VanderWall & John Williams, 9

"I started as a teacher. Then, I decided to go into guidance counseling so that I would have the opportunity to work one on one with students."

-Mrs. Allison Strange, Guidance

"I have the most fun teaching my Child Development classes and my Early Childhood Education class because they are hands on classes."

-Ms. Jennifer Schroeder, Home Education

"I love that I have the opportunity to see a lot of different people. I enjoy helping all of them! My days are extremely busy, so they can fly by!"

-Mr. John Gray, Mathematics

Dawn Patryas
Special Education

Brian Pillar

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Denise Pollard

Special Needs Aide

Greg Pulido

Technology

Sarah Richard

Guidance



Melissa Richie

Guidance

Dan Roberts

PE

Judy Roberts

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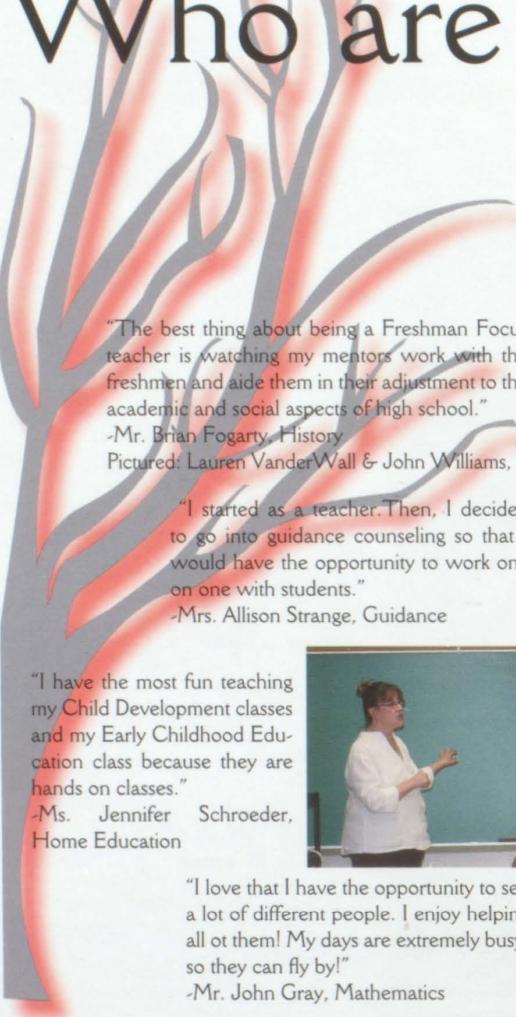
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1. Mr. Tony Cochran
3. Mrs. Polly Franklin

2. Mr. Jeff Martin
4. Mrs. Jordan Boone



Q & A

Which staff member influenced your life?

"Mrs. Richie, she told me it's okay to ask questions. Questions don't make you dumb, not asking them does."

-Samantha Greathouse, 10

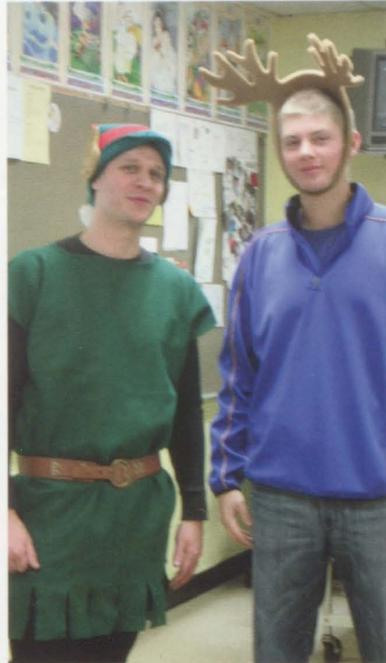
"Mr. Spinks has changed the way I look at school. He helped me get focused and ready."

-Christian Leeming, 11

"Mrs. Masten influenced my life. She is a great teacher, and I enjoyed new ways to learn a foreign language."

-Tommy Buckmaster, 9

Mr. Ronald Cates and sophomore Luke Sanderson create a laugh before the Donut Breakfast. "I enjoy dress up days because I can use my sense of humor!" *Photo by C. Wallace*



From clay, to yarn, to pen and ink or oils, Mrs. Ashley Welch daily captures or encourages the inner artist to create. "As an art teacher, I enjoy being able to share my love and knowledge of art with the students and help them create their own views and passions," said Welch. *Photo by A. Cobb*



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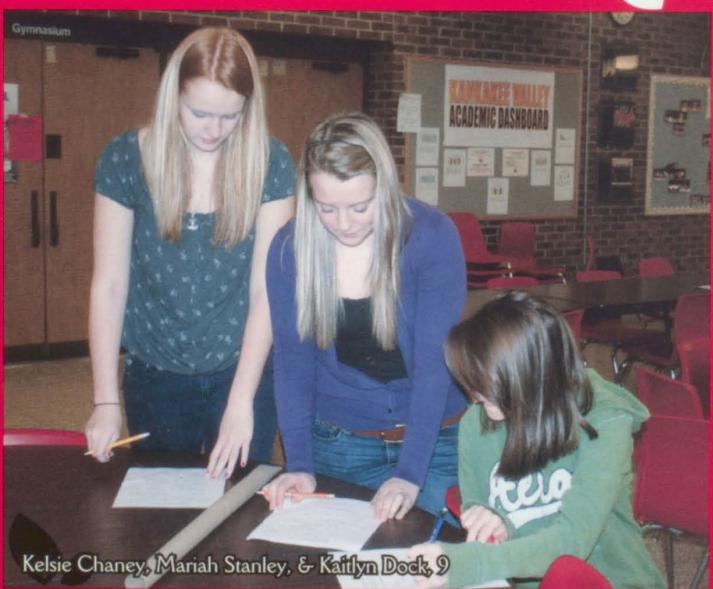
Performing "I'm Sorry, the Bridge is Out, You'll Have to Stay the Night," sophomore Rachel Kerkes, senior Trevor Overstreet, and sophomore Briana Young, talk about having to stay at the haunted house. *Photo by C. Abel*



Academics



William Seaton & Mitchell Chorzempa, 10



Kelsie Chaney, Mariah Stanley, & Kaitlyn Dock, 9



Alice Santell & Rachel Scott, 12



Jacob Vujko, 11



Learning about Medieval Drama, seniors Brittany Gillespie and Cody Voigt joust with pool noodles. Students participated in a variety of hands-on games during their lesson, like dancing and puppet shows. Photo by C. Abel

- Mrs. Hallie Chicki **reenergized** the classes of Cadet Teaching and Peer Tutoring by rewriting the entire curriculum so that the classes could still be offered to students.
- Anatomy students **dissected** pig fetuses and had to identify each body part for a test grade.
- Mrs. Judy Roberts and Mr. Herald Hostetler required their students to make a book or poster based off the **12 Basic functions**.
- Foreign Language teachers worked together and created a **“Carnival”** to celebrate Mardi Gras. They decorated their pod area, had a parade, feasted, and played many games.
- Mr. Jeff Martin’s Radio and TV Broadcasting produced the school’s show, **“What’s Happening”**, where students interviewed students and staff and kept the school updated on events, and **Newspaper** members did the announcements.
- Mrs. Gwyn Skrobil hosted her **annual** Renaissance Fair where students played games after they went over the unit about the Renaissance.
- Home economics cooked a lunch for the **North Central Association Team** members who came to evaluate the school during secnod semester.



Seniors Jessica Nichols, Linda Wagner, Traci Baker, and Alexa Danta make papier mache masks representing characters from *Oedipus Rex*. "Making the masks was a lot of fun and I enjoyed not having to do a written assignment," said Danta. Photo by A. Warren

Right to Write

By Ashley Warren

From root words to short stories to Shakespeare, English teachers explored many ways to help students achieve great reading, writing, and grammar skills.

Freshmen learned the basics of grammar and read stories like *The Odyssey*, *To Kill a Mock-*

ingbird, and *Romeo and Juliet*. Mr. Spinks' students created a poster on one of the characters from *Romeo and Juliet* and described their characteristics in a presentation.

Short stories and poems filled most English 10 classes. Sophomores were able to choose be-

tween multiple novels to read, some of which included *The Secret Life of Bees*, *Buried Onions*. English 10 classes also learned about Julius Caesar, Sir Lancelot, and King Arthur.

In addition to reading *Of Mice and Men* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, ju-

niors were required to construct a research paper. They also read various historical fiction excerpts including writings by Franklin, Jefferson and Lincoln.

"The most challenging thing I did in English was read the *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* because it was

hard to understand all the events in his life," said junior Marisol Sanchez. Honors English 11 classes had the opportunity to write an online student handbook.

Seniors in Film Lit made a stop motion movie, and Drama Lit students organized a puppet show.

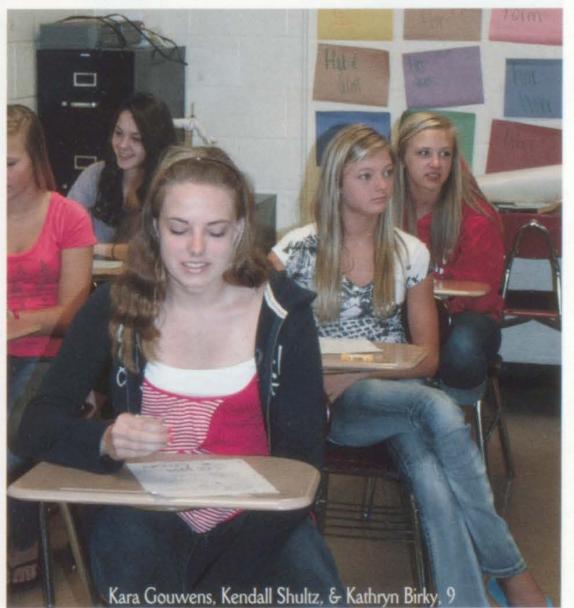
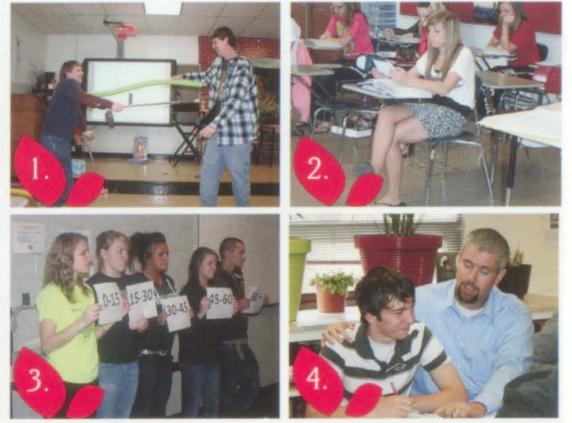


Raising both of his hands out of excitement, freshman Kyle Patton tries his best to be chosen to answer the question. "What I like best about Mr. John Spinks' class is his random jokes and humor," said Patton. Photo by A. Warren

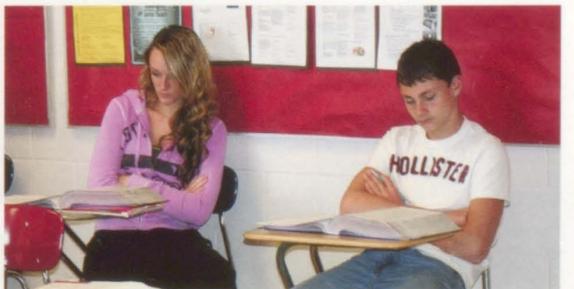


During third hour, sophomore Robert Fraticelli types a paper for Mr. Ron Cates English 10 class. "I like that Mr. Cates' isn't afraid to engage his class with humor and have fun," said Fraticelli. Photo by A. Warren

1. Gregory Davis & Zachery Miller, 12
2. Courtney Brzezinski, 10
3. Lauren Rhodes, Maranda Brown, Kirstie Jones, Danielle Zaremba, & Joshua Vega, 11
4. Emmett Meiss, 9, & Mr. John Spinks



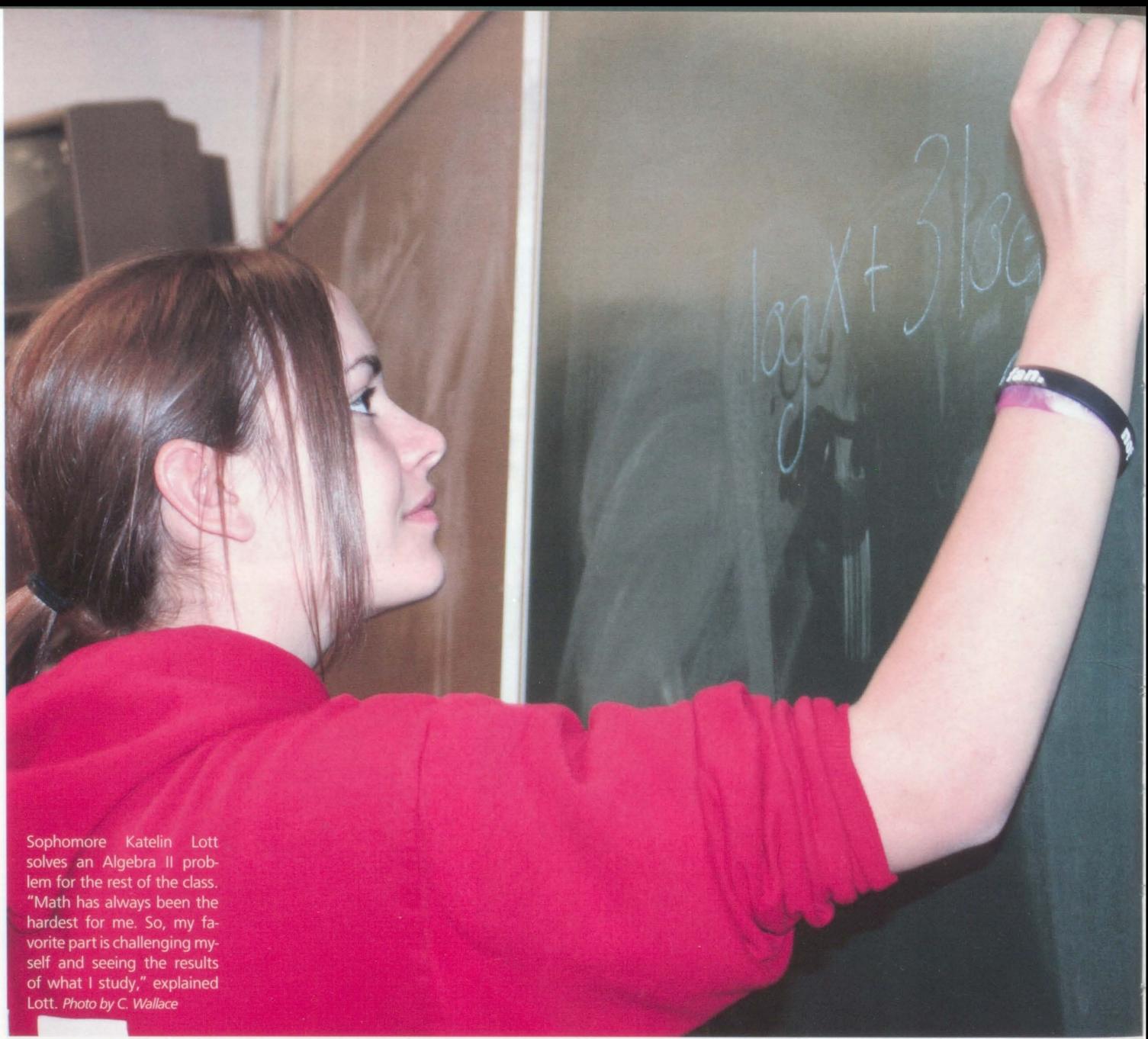
Kara Gouwens, Kendall Shultz, & Kathryn Birk, 9



In English 10, sophomores Olivia Trainor and Shoa Wright listen attentively and follow along to "The Tragedy of Julius Caesar" on audio tape. Photo by A. Warren

During Mrs. Hallie Chick's class, seniors Yesenia Origel, Katherine Hennings, and Victoria Swinford play a variation of a Medieval game called "What's In Ned's Head." Photo by C. Abel

During the "Sex Talk", juniors Steven Golightly, Andrea Wierman, Kristin Drenth, Nicole Wisneski, and James Marich use teamwork to change a baby. Photo by S. Hurst



Sophomore Katelin Lott solves an Algebra II problem for the rest of the class. "Math has always been the hardest for me. So, my favorite part is challenging myself and seeing the results of what I study," explained Lott. *Photo by C. Wallace*

Add 'Em Up!

By Caitlyn Wallace

Each teacher has his or her own way of teaching math. In Mr. John Gray's classes, his student teacher, Mr. Wireman, taught a few of the lessons. "Mr. Wireman is a really good teacher, because he takes his time getting to know everyone and

their distinct learning styles," said sophomore Miryam Herrera. Mr. Gray's students made up a rap video about the Pythagorean theorem, and students also made tessellations.

Mr. Jeff Hamstra involved his students by having them teach specific lessons.

In Mrs. Judy Roberts Algebra I classes, students used their knowledge to make origami boxes, which they filled with candy for Christmas. The boxes were constructed using precise measurements and folded squares and triangles. "There is no more re-

warding job. I can tell every hour, every day if I am being successful. Interaction with the students, both in and out of the classroom, is so amazing. I absolutely love to teach," said Roberts.

Mr. Herald Hostetler's Pre-Calculus students took pictures of daily

items such as staircases, trees, buildings, and desks, using them to make a poster based off of the 12 Basic Functions. This was one of the ways which Mr. Hostetler used to try to teach his students that all types of math can and do apply to the real world.

During Mr. Herald Hostetler's AP Calculus class, junior Maribeth Strong and seniors Adelaide Cobb and Brittney

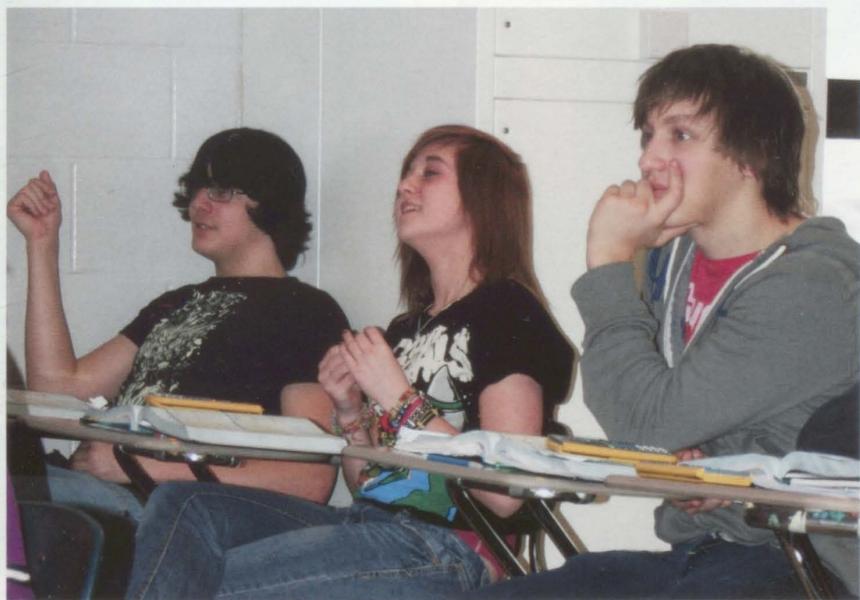
Young take notes about finding the area between two equations using integrals. Photo by C. Wallace



Using the Law of Sines, junior Jacob Weaver demonstrates to the class how to find the angle of a triangle. Students used the Promethean board to solve various problems. Photo by C. Wallace



1. Tyler Furgye, 9
2. Ariel Garcia, 10
3. George Starcevic, 12
4. Brittany Hilton, 11



Logan Crim, 10, & Monica Di Dio, 12



Learning about the Sine operation, sophomores Ryan Ruth and Cynthia Atkinson solve for the measure of angles of a triangle. "Students believe math is useless, but it plays a big role in life," said Atkinson. Photo by C. Wallace

"X=-3" is the answer freshman Kayla Gustafson yells out during Algebra I. Freshman Chase Clark and

Freshman Justin Berndt races against his opponent at the board to solve equations. Races, which student teacher

Mr. Wireman believed helped teens learn, were a part of his Algebra I class. Photo by C. Wallace



Students watch Kelsey Johnson be the first to hold fire in Ms. Crystal Heuft's Integrated Chemistry and Physics class. "It was crazy! I was kind of scared because it was fire in my hands," said Johnson. Photo by T. Pritt

Education in Motion Tends to Stay in Motion

By Tyler Pritt

With 48 science classes taught each day, there was a lot to be learned. From studying the evolution of the earth to solving chemical formulas, six teachers took on a combined 1,200 students each day.

Many experiments and

labs took place throughout the year in classes ranging from Biology to Chemistry to Physics.

In Mr. Aaron Warner's Biology I class, students dissected frogs. This was in accordance with their learning about the names and functions of the amphibian's organs and how they differed

from humans.

In Anatomy and Physiology, co-taught by Mr. Warner and Mrs. Sue Hanley, students dissected fetus pigs. Part of their grade was to determine the gender and all of the different organs of the fetus.

A lab that was enjoyed by many stu-

dents was Ms. Crystal Heuft's methane gas lab. During this lab, students took bubbles, produced by pumping methane gas into soapy water, and set them on fire. After showing the class how the bubbles burst into flames, Heuft let students take this experience into their

own hands.

One of Mr. Shawn Lane's Chemistry II chemical labs was performed using acids and bases. In this lab, students used a base to turn a yellow colored acid to blue. This lab required much trial and error as a small drop could change the result of the lab.



In Mrs. Marti Sherwood's Honors Physics class, partners Jessica Hoffman and Taryn McDaniel shoot clay balls from a homemade trebuchet. *Photo by T. Pritt*



Junior Shelby Schoon measures out acids and bases in Mr. Lane's Chemistry 1 class. They were trying to get a yellow colored acid to turn blue by adding just enough of a base. *Photo by T. Pritt*

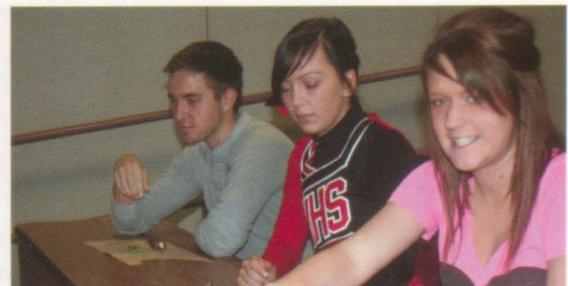
1. Arham Nadeem, 11
2. Jessie Klemp, 12
3. Michael Sokol, 9
4. Sydney Geesa, 10



Seniors Austyn Misch, Taylor Freckleton, and Brittney Gillespie work on demonstrating the workings of the nervous system in Anatomy, using Ho-Ho's, M&M's, and Twizzlers. *Photo by B. Likens*

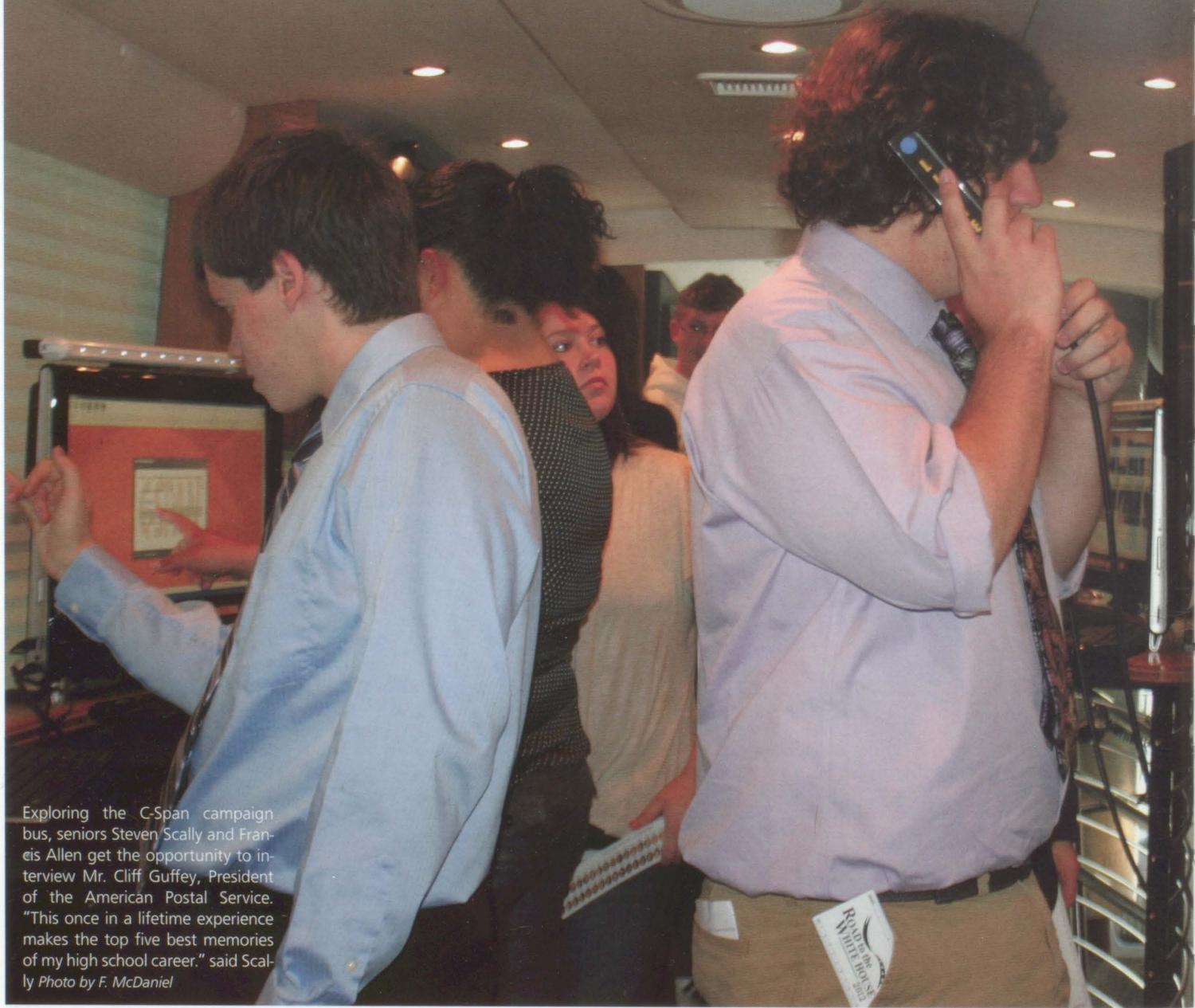
Trying to neutralize an acid, juniors Jacob Smith, Kristin Drenth, and Kaylor Harper

In Mr. Warner and Mrs. Hanely's co-taught Anatomy class, senior Nicole Luckey and junior Jordan Kroll partner up on their pig dissection. *Photo by T. Pritt*



work together on Mr. Lane's acid and base lab in Chemistry. *Photo by T. Pritt*

and junior Jordan Kroll partner up on their pig dissection. *Photo by T. Pritt*



Exploring the C-Span campaign bus, seniors Steven Scally and Francis Allen get the opportunity to interview Mr. Cliff Guffey, President of the American Postal Service. "This once in a lifetime experience makes the top five best memories of my high school career," said Scally. *Photo by F. McDaniel*

Don't Just Take History, Make It

By Tyler Pritt

Anthony Hopkins once said, "There can be no understanding of the present without knowledge of the past." This was the basis for the study of Social Studies classes.

For the second consecutive year, Principal Keeman Lobsiger gave his World War II pre-

sentation to the World History classes in the Media Center. This included his vast collection of WWII uniforms, medals, weapons, pictures, and other memorabilia. "It was fantastic. Mr. Lobsiger had a lot of great items including jackets and guns that really caught my

eye," said freshman Beau Sarosy.

During economics, Mr. Aaron Mullinax conducted a stock project, where multiple groups started with \$100,000. They bought, sold, and traded stocks in the hopes of making money.

During World History classes, students took

part in the World War I trench warfare. "I learned a lot, like that multiple diseases could be picked up and most limbs had to be amputated," said freshman Nicholas Acevez.

Seniors Steven Scally and Kerrie Morenz interviewed Judge Potter from Rensselaer about

the 9th Amendment for Honors Government. "The most interesting part of interviewing Judge Potter was learning legal facts from a well respected man," said Morenz.

Other speakers, brought in by Mr. Norwine included Indiana's Attorney General.

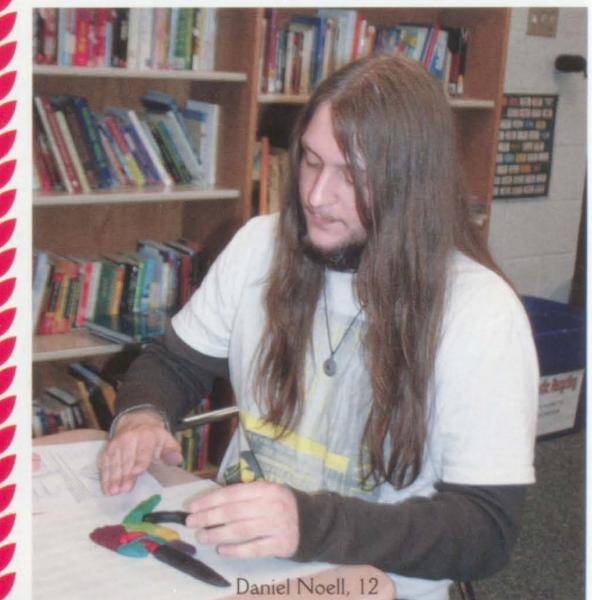
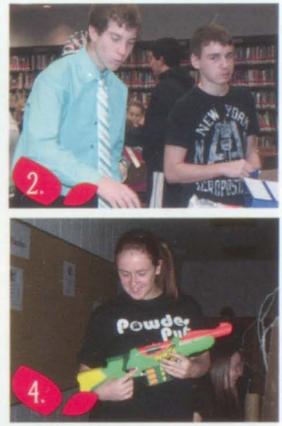


During clean-up after the first Trench warfare battle, sophomore Adam Conley runs back to his class' trench with their flag. Other students carried students who played dead soldiers back to the medic. Photo by G. Skrobol



In AP US History, juniors Shelby Hurst and Gabrielle Henning take notes. "Over the year, I've learned a lot from Mrs. Price. Through her teaching I've grown a lot more respect for situations," said Henning. Photo by A. Matson

1. Stephen Mezzacapo, 12
2. Derick Tesh, 10, & Travis Wright, 9
3. Casey Voigt, 11
4. Paige Maki, 9



Daniel Noell, 12



Raising their white boards, freshmen Daniel Krueger and Katherine Jones see if they could answer the ques-

tion correctly. If you won the review game, you would get tickets to use as extra credit. Photo by T. Pritt

In Economics, seniors Alyssa VanderWall and Taylor Isajewicz discuss their upcom-

ing music video project. The video had to correspond with economic terms. Photo by

Sophomore Eric Wood takes cover during the Trench Warfare Battle. Mr. Brian Fogarty

and Mrs. Gwyn Skrobol's classes participated in the Warfare together. Photo by G. Skrobol



During Computer Applications, senior Angela DeFries and junior Mackenzie Misner work together to complete their presentation. "This class has taught me how to correctly use different computer apps and how they can help me in the future, especially since I'm going into the business field," said DeFries. Photo by A. Warren

Business in the Front, Party in the Back

By Ashley Warren

When it comes to the world of business, a serious attitude is the rule of the day, but when the rules go over the teens heads, Mr. Brian Pillar and Mr. Dave DeFries used stories to help teens relate to the message. "I would count down the minutes until I could go into DeFries' class," said

senior Austyn Misch.

Pillar's stories were equal in human interest as he explained council rules via a ticket he received when his wife littered. "Mr. Pillar made class so fun by telling us funny stories that tied in with the things we learned," said sophomore Andrew Jackson.

The difference be-

tween murder and man slaughter, among other useful things, was taught in Business and Personal Law, which was the only career class that was available for the students who wanted to become lawyers or any other career in that field.

Getting prepared for the "real world", students in Personal Finance

and Business Foundations had the opportunity to be interviewed by Mr. DeFries. "The hardest part of interviewing was trying not to use the word 'um' constantly and answering all the questions quickly," said junior Stephanie Scally.

Mr. DeFries said, "When I got my first check when I started

here about four years ago, I thought it was just the advice sheet and shoved it in my desk drawer. I only bounced about 20 checks. The students got a kick out of that story. Not funny at the time, but when I look at it now, it is a bit funny. Luckily DeMotte State Bank cut me some slack on some fees."

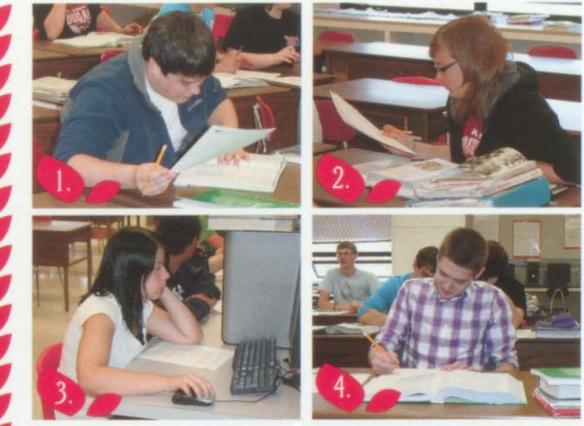


While talking and laughing with friends, sophomore Lauren Stokes works on an assignment during first hour Business Foundations. "I will never forget all of the important things that I learned in this class," said Stokes. Photo by B. Rish



During first hour Business Foundations, sophomore Luke Quillen works on a vocab sheet. "What I like best about this class is that all the things that I learned throughout the year I will apply in my future," said Quillen. Photo by B. Rish

1. Thaddeus Horvath, 11
2. Samantha Williams, 10
3. Elissa Rivera, 9
4. Travis Ison, 12



Branna Vanderhere, 12



During Mr. Brian Pillar's Marketing class, sophomores Natalie Lotz and Daniel Reyes

work together on a worksheet about advertising and budgets. Photo by A. Warren

Juniors Heather DeWitt, Zachery Cates, and sophomore Thorin Schmitt give a presen-

tation during Mr. Dave DeFries Computer Applications class. Photo by A. Warren

While reviewing for a test, junior Jacob Weaver helps senior Jacob Allen with a work-

sheet over filing taxes, which is a skill that becomes essential in life. Photo by A. Warren



Spanish IV students Chelsea Fulkerson and Jessie Klemp are dancing partners for their field trip to Gotta Dance. "I loved learning the Latin dances. I was really bad, but it was so much fun to at least try," said Klemp. *Photo by G. Smith*

A Different Language is a Different Vision of Life

By Miranda Retzlaff

Speaking a completely different language is very overwhelming for any student. Four teachers tried their hardest to make the students feel welcomed and accepted as they walked into the rooms decorated beautifully with posters, flags, and

maps. Two new faces appeared in the foreign language wing: Mrs. Polly Franklin and Mr. Michael Lovely.

New opportunities arose, such as educational field trips. Mrs. Gayle Smiths' Spanish IV class took a trip to a dance studio where they had a chance to

learn cultural dances. All Spanish students got an opportunity to go to Don Quixote and Mr. Lovely's French III went to Bon Femme, where they had to order their meals only speaking in Spanish or French, respectively. "Ordering in French wasn't simple, but Mr. Lovely prepared

us very well," said junior Nicole Wisneski.

Mrs. Kay Mastens' students participated in a Festival, a celebration in which they dressed in costumes and played a variety of games.

Mrs. Franklin introduced her students to freerice.com. This website helped students

review vocabulary and every question they got right donated 10 grains of rice to the United Nations World Food Program. "I really think students enjoy helping the less fortunate and it's a fantastic way to increase their knowledge of the language," said Franklin.

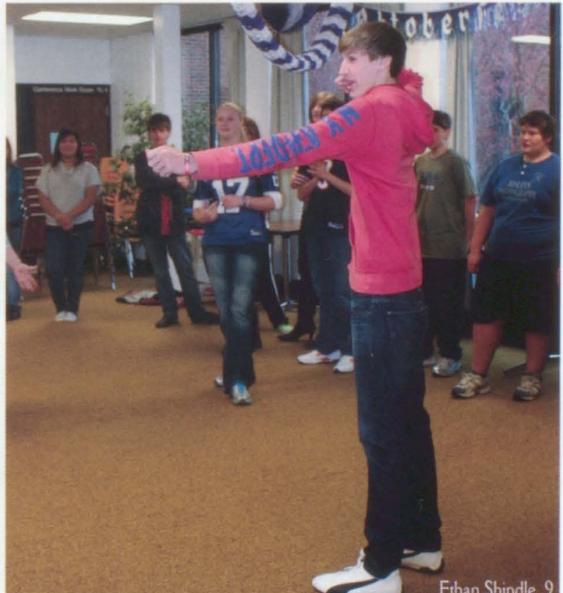


Competing against one another, sophomores Asslie Clemente and John Miles see who can bounce their ball farther away from the wall as all of the French students celebrate Mardi Gras. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*



German students celebrate Oktoberfest with games and cultural meals. Sophomore Christian Cooper, along with many others, enjoyed trying new food. *Photo by Z. Wright*

1. Amber Stott, 11
2. Jarrett Barcelli, 10
3. Alex Martakis, 9
4. Ashley Stahl, 12



Ethan Shindle, 9



Singing cheerful Christmas carols, sophomores Alex Berdine, James Allen, Alexander Thompson, Hannah Klemp, and Courtney Way decorate their Mardi Gras masks with feathers

Sophomores Emily Prairie and Courtney Way decorate their Mardi Gras masks with feathers

Students, including sophomore Rachel Kerkes, got a chance to learn the dances that Flamenco

Katelyn Kamminga, and Ashley Norberg try to perfect their lyrics. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*

and glitter. Masks were a common project among the classes. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*

dancers performed on their Spanish field trip to Don Quixote. *Photo by F. McDaniel*



Sitting with one of her students, junior Kelsey Kordys shows him how to decorate an Easter card. "I like Ms. Schroeder's class because it's so much fun! It lets us work with different kinds of children, and build a relationship with each one of them while we learn," said Kordys. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*

"Cooking... an Art that You can Eat."

By Maranda Brown

In Ms. Jennifer Schroeder's Early Childhood Development class, students learned about what it took to be an ideal parent. They learned about the stages the fetus goes through from conception to birth. Also, to give students the experience of parenthood,

computer generated babies were handed out to take care of for a night. "Feed back from the students is that they don't like the night time wake ups and trying to get back asleep. The last thing they say is 'I am waiting to have kids!' said Ms. Schroeder.

When taking the Early Childhood Education classes, students were allowed to work with children ages 2-5. Students also made a full week of lesson plans based on a theme such as shapes, the zoo, stranger danger, and numbers. "The kids bring a lot of joy to my

day. I love to see the smiles on their faces when they achieve something, no matter how small it is," said senior Alyssa Watkins.

In Fashion and Textiles, students explored new ways to sew and design. At the end of the year, the students designed and modeled

outfits that they made themselves.

Ms. Kelly Benge taught the basics of food, how to prepare it, along with what a healthy diet consists of. "I love everything about my class. We get to make food, and learn while we eat," said freshman Emily Franzen.



Steaming broccoli to perfection, sophomore Madison DeYoung gets the full effect of the steam. "This class has made me a better cook and helped me understand what foods are best for you," said DeYoung. *Photo by M. Brown*



Beautifully decorating sugar cookies, sophomore Danielle Ruesken prepares for Christmas. "It was fun being able to cook and design our own cookies. They tasted good, too!" exclaimed Ruesken. *Photo by M. Brown*

1. Kyle Sherbit, 10,
Emily Franzen, 9,
& Traci Baker, 12
2. Tori Brodner, 11
3. Alexis Gonzalez,
& Alyssa Allen, 9
4. Jose Valenzuela, 10



Anthony Ward, 11, & Megan Myers, 12



"I love being able to see the children grow in new ways. It's a good feeling knowing

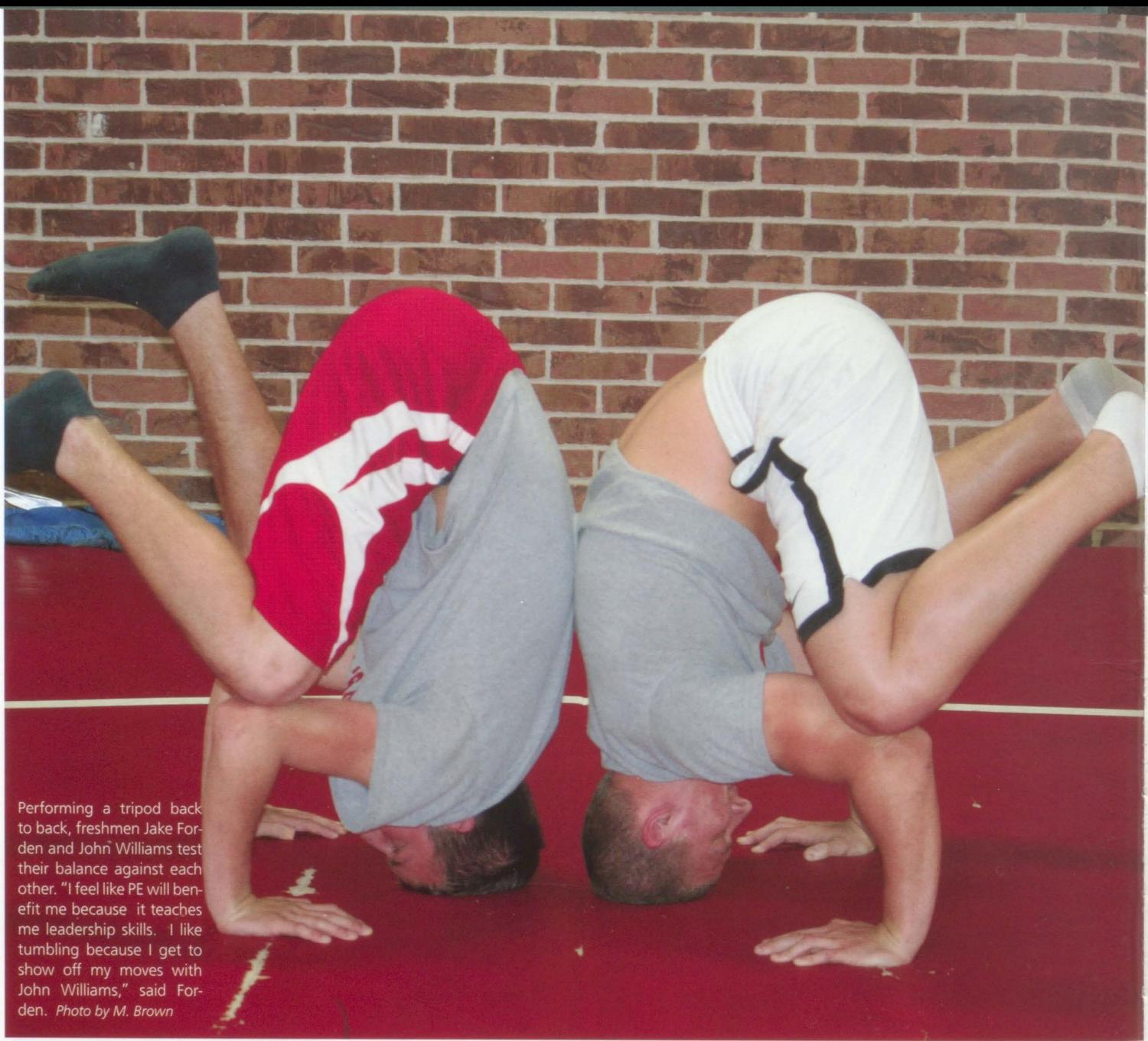
I helped them along," explained junior Taurie Piatt. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*

"I love working with kids. I enjoy watching the children learn new things. It makes

me feel accomplished about myself," said senior Aubrey Allee. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*

Sophomore Gregory Driscoll takes the temperature of chicken to make sure it's cooked

properly, while junior Joshua Whitehead gets ready to flip it. *Photo by M. Brown*



Performing a tripod back to back, freshmen Jake Forden and John Williams test their balance against each other. "I feel like PE will benefit me because it teaches me leadership skills. I like tumbling because I get to show off my moves with John Williams," said Forden. *Photo by M. Brown*

“I work out...”

By Caitlin Abel

Push-ups, sit-ups, and jumping jacks were practiced by students on a daily basis during Mr. Dan Roberts' freshman physical education and Advanced Physical Conditioning classes.

New to school was the Advanced Physical Conditioning class

(APC). This class was designated for juniors and seniors who wanted to be physically challenged. "APC greatly increases your fitness, and it teaches you that a 45 pound bar gets heavy quickly," said junior Jay Weaver. They ran perimeters, lifted weights, did squats,

tested how many times they could max out on different machines, ran on treadmills, and spent time in the pool. They were also expected to keep their grades up, as if they were on a sports team, or they would be removed from the class.

Freshmen participat-

ed in a different way. They started the year playing flag football, volleyball, tennis, pickle ball, and swimming. With the exit of the middle school students, swimming was extended to an all year class.

They finished up by participating in floor hockey, soccer, soft-

ball, basketball, tumbling and weight-lifting. "My favorite part of PE was floor hockey. It was a lot of fun, and we worked as a team," said freshman Carley Abel.

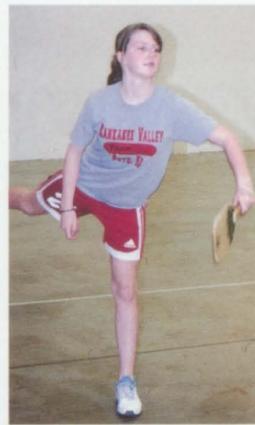
The students were permitted to use the new fitness room, complete with multiple treadmills, weight benches, bikes,

Junior Jacob Weaver works out his upper body strength and bicep muscles by doing

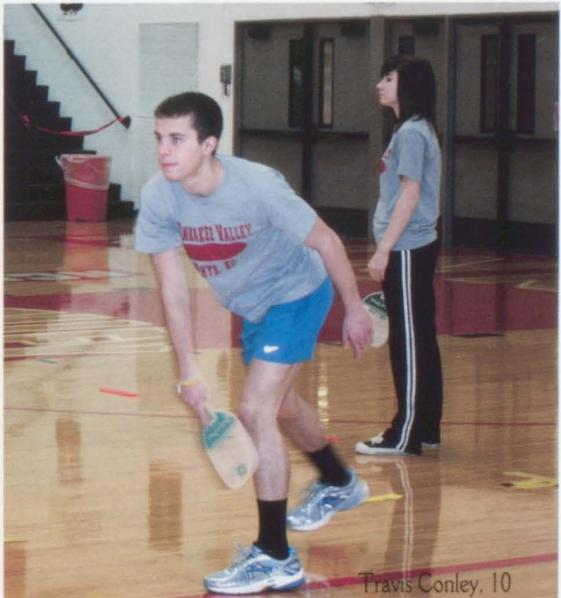
pull-ups. Students were required to test their strength in APC. *Photo by M. Roth*



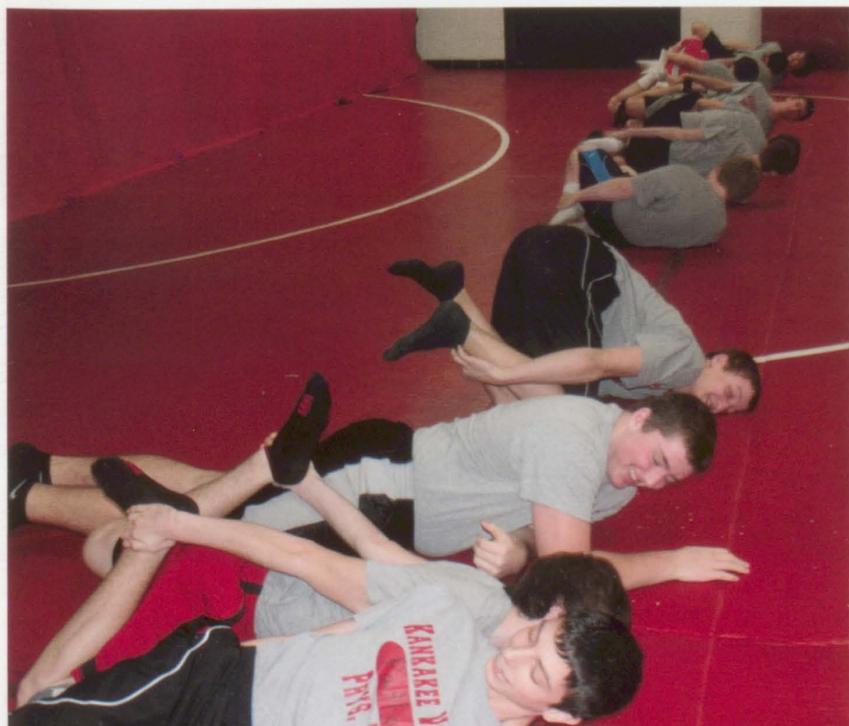
During an intense game of pickle ball, sophomore Madeline Klauer stretches for the ball. "In my gym class, I was with my friends, which made me like it more," said Klauer. *Photo by T. Pritt*



1. Kaitlyn Smith, 12
2. Hannah Taylor, 9
3. Luis Cazares, 11
4. Joshua Whitaker, 9



Travis Conley, 10



Stretching their legs and backs, freshmen Sydney Hickman, Chloe Hamstra and Koy Schmidt test their abilities. Mr. Roberts challenged them each day. *Photo by M. Brown*

Keeping the ball away from the opposing team, freshman Morgan Overstreet dribbles the ball away from freshman Ryan Demars. *Photo by T. Pritt*

Freshmen stretch out their legs before gym class. This exercise reduced injury and taught the importance of warming up the muscles. *Photo by Z. Wright*



Health Occupations students, seniors Tori VanVuren and Courtney Hoffman, practice taking blood pressure in their career class. "The most important thing I learned in Health Occupations was how to take care of people when they need me," said VanVuren. Photo by B. Chavez

Moving into Life a Step Ahead of the Rest

By Belanah Chavez

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" was a common question which became serious during high school. Career classes like Law Enforcement, Health Occupations, Computer Repair, Vocational Welding, and Cadet Teaching

helped future workers find the answer.

"Law Enforcement interested me because I wanted to learn more about what it would be like to have a job as a detective or criminal profiler," commented Emily Myers. Through speakers, a gun simulator, Marine visits, and assign-

ments, teens learned the life of a policeman. Students hung up posters in May to honor fallen police officers.

Health Occupation students experienced what it was like to be a doctor or nurse. Students used mannequins to practice skills. During their class hours, they

went to hospitals or nursing homes to job shadow. "What interested me about Health Occupations was learning something new every day, especially at the clinical sites," said Jessica Boyer.

Students in Cadet Teaching received the experience of a lifetime

in the Wheatfield or De-Motte Elementary classrooms after completing the ground work in Peer Tutoring. "My favorite part of Cadet Teaching was the interactions and relationships I gained working with the students," explained future teacher Lyndsay Lopez.

On a fall day, former student Micah Wallace orders junior Joseph Meyer to body carry junior Sergio Ortega. The drill

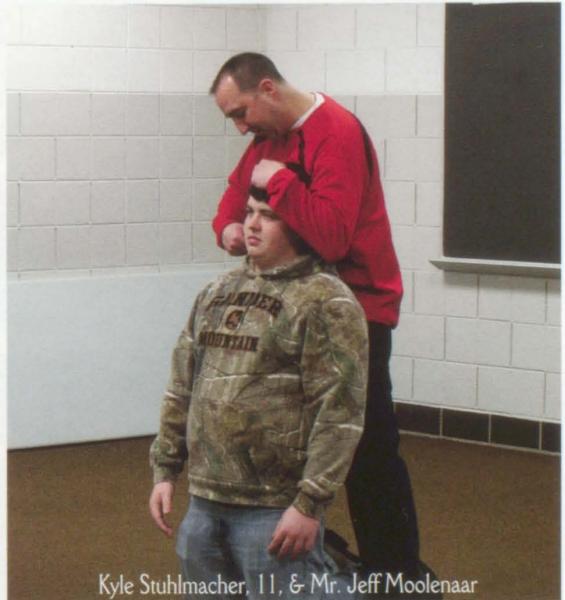
was used to create a realistic scenario for students in Law Enforcement. *Photo by B. Likens*



Reading to her students in Cadet Teaching class, junior Amanda Taylor discovers the truth about being a teacher. "Being a teacher isn't as easy as people think it may be. You need to be on your feet and pay

attention at all times. There are days when you are going to be overwhelmed and stressed, but you have to be calm and always have control of your class," said Taylor. *Photo by H. Chicki*

1. Megan Bennett, 12
2. Lucas Grube, 12
3. Austin Johnson, 11
4. Andrea Wireman, 11



Kyle Stuhlmacher, 11, & Mr. Jeff Moolenaar



In Heath Occupations, senior Marie Magiera acts as a patient in a wheel chair while

senior Megan Bennett role plays a doctor determining her needs. *Photo by B. Chavez*

Peer Tutoring students took a picture with Mr. Paul Epley's Life Skills class. They helped the

students with homework and other things as a part of their tutoring requirement. *Photo by*

Junior Hayley Hoffman and Alexander Forrestall aim at the gun simulation screen. "The gun simulator was a very

helpful learning tool, and fun too," commented Forrestall. *Photo by K. Peterson*



Junior Christin Dahn has help from sophomore Audra Lewis, junior Kirstie Jones, and sophomore Madison DeYoung with her T-shirt rug. "I really enjoyed being able to work together on my rug and have help from my friends when I asked questions," said Dahn. *Photo by A. Cobb*

Painting Your Way

By Adelaide Cobb

Beat the paint splatters, clay, glue, or the stressful expressions, artists stood out among the crowd.

"One of the most stressful parts about my bracelet was getting it done on time. It was made up of 30 strings. One day when

I was walking, a girl got caught on one of my strings, kept walking and snapped it. Half of my bracelet only had 29 strings. It was the most stressful and frustrating thing of all," commented senior John Conley.

Maryann VanSoest

invited Ceramics to participate in a pit fire. Students dug a hole to create an outdoor kiln to fire their projects. This gave the pottery a smoky, rustic look.

Advanced Photography was a new experience for Cochran and the students who used

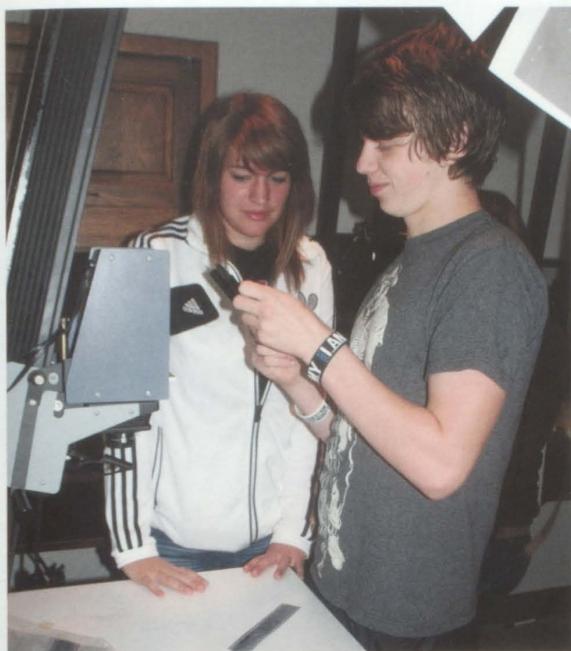
digital cameras and computers instead of film for their projects.

Sculpture experimented with new material such as soap, wire, and papier mache.

Drawing looked at self portraits from a new perspective by drawing the back of

the head, rather than focusing on the face. This helped students learn to draw difficult textures, such as hair.

Outstanding projects were sent to the Prairie Arts Council Art Show at St. Joseph's College and were displayed on May 17 at KV.

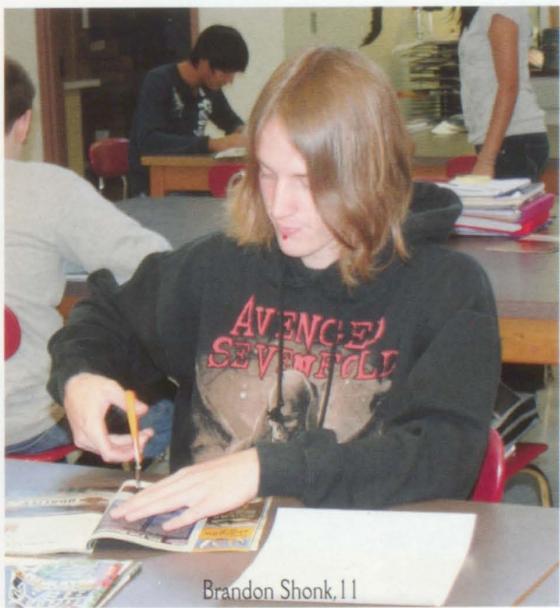


In the dark room, sophomores Amanda DeRolf and Ayden Blake look at the film they are about to develop. Learning how to properly develop film was a major concept in Beginner Photography. Photo by B. Likens



Senior Morgan Bell focuses as she kicks the giant cement wheel while trying to steady her pot. "I liked the kick wheel best because it was easier for me to control, and I was doing the work, not the machine," explained Bell. Photo by A. Cobb

1. Andrew Koedyker, 11
2. Shanna Whitaker, 10
3. Ashley Stahl, & Krystal Colbert, 12
4. Chase Schofield & Dustin Bohannon, 9



Brandon Shonk, 11



Concentrating on new techniques and stitches, sophomores Megan Kinney and Bethany Jansma learn the lost

art of needle point. "I had a hard time staying focused and perfecting every stitch," said Jansma. Photo by C. Wallace

Junior Roger Sims and senior Travis Ison construct their initials out of cardboard. They

folded the cardboard and taped it to create a three dimensional structure. Photo by A. Cobb

Laughing at herself, sophomore Madison Alexander tries to keep her pot from falling. "The hardest part of

the pottery wheel was keeping your hands steady," said Alexander. Photo by A. Cobb





Carrying the new shipment of drywall to the house, Denton Dowell and Ryan Melendez help their class. "The best part of the class was being able to leave school and enter a different type of learning environment," said Melendez. *Photo by T. Clare*

Building a Better Future

By Caitlin Abel

Hammers, nails, saws, cement, and 11 senior Building Trades boys were needed to build a duplex from the ground up in the Risner Realty Subdivision in early fall. Under the direction of instructor Mr. Kevin Mulvihill, the team started out by

pouring the cement for the foundation. From there, they built the frame, put siding on the house, attached the roof, and then headed inside to learn the basics of drywalling, cabinetry, plumbing, and electricity.

"For me, the best part of Building Trades was

that I got to be with friends. We had fun while we were working. I also learned a lot about carpentry," said Travis Yates.

Due to a mild winter and warm spring, the construction team spent the last month of school tying up odds and ends. They poured

cement for the sidewalk, finished putting up the trim, and landscaped the duplex.

Aside from building the duplex, members took part in community work. Toward the end of the year, the team helped Jasper County Habitat for Humanity. The class spent two days

setting walls for a handicapped accessible home. "The best part was that I helped a good family that was in desperate need of help, and I know they appreciated it," said David Cooper.

From a hole in the ground to a sign marked sold, the team created an energy efficient home.



Securing the 2x4, Ryan Hale prepares for the roof joists. "The most frustrating part of the class is trying to understand things you don't know how to do," said Hale. Photo by T. Clare



Shane Young cleans up the house's plywood edges. "The part I like the best about Building Trades was using power tools because they made me feel like a man," said Young. Photo by T. Clare

1. Derek Bunning
2. David Cooper
3. Zachery Miller
4. Sam Kmiec



Ryan Melendez



Row 1: Travis Yates, Denton Dowell, Derek Bunning, Ryan Hale, Ryan Melendez

Row 2: Zachery Miller, Justin Dailey, David Cooper, Jake Wright, Shane Young

Denton Dowell has learned the Cardinal Rule of construction: "Measure twice and cut once."

This rule helped keep construction projects on time and on budget. Photo by T. Clare

Evening out the freshly poured cement, Travis Yates pushes down on the screed.

Pouring and finishing the cement was an all day task. Photo by C. Abel



Welding in Mr. Brandon Hass's class, Joshua Evans expresses his thoughts. "This class is a great way to get to learn things that I will use in the future. It's also a time where we can hang out with friends while doing something we enjoy," said Evans. Photo by M. Brown

No Need to Fear, Tech is Here

By Maranda Brown

Signing up for technology meant signing up to help the school. Many times when computers were not working or desks were broken, students stepped in to complete the repairs.

In addition to repairs, teens in Mr. Jeff Martin's Technology Sys-

tems class and Mr. Greg Pulido's Computer Repair classes focused on the basics of the computer. Mr. Martin also taught a radio/TV class where students made movies and video clips, and produced 'What's Happening', the school's weekly TV show.

In Project Lead the

Way, students worked on designing, building, and inventing something of their own. Seniors Trevor Overstreet and Zachary Ratliff built a bike stand that connected to the back of a backpack. "It took us all semester to get everything right, but I loved the idea and thought

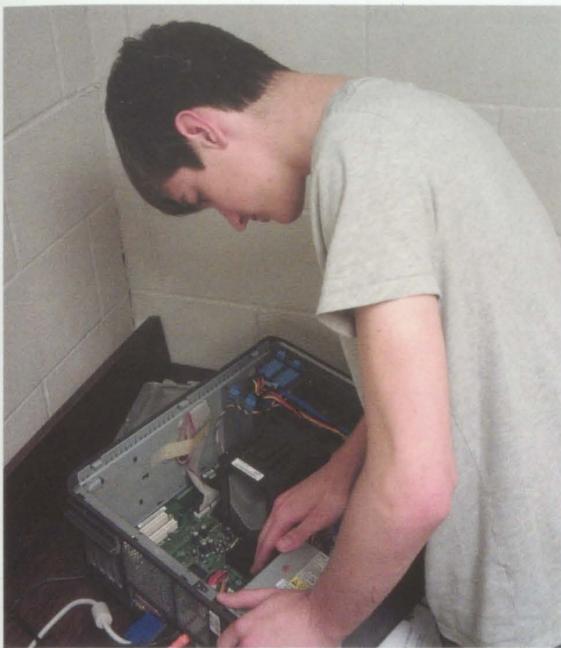
it was pretty cool," said Overstreet.

When taking the Small Engines class, students brought completely rebuilt their own engine.

Agriculture students learned about wildlife, the production of meat, and the fundamentals of starting an agricultural career in addition

to growing poinsettias, hanging house plants, and summer flowers. "Being out in the greenhouse and seeing the plants develop was the best," said junior Sarah Axtell.

Due to medical reasons, Mr. Jeff Mengel was replaced by Mr. Hass for the last two months of school.

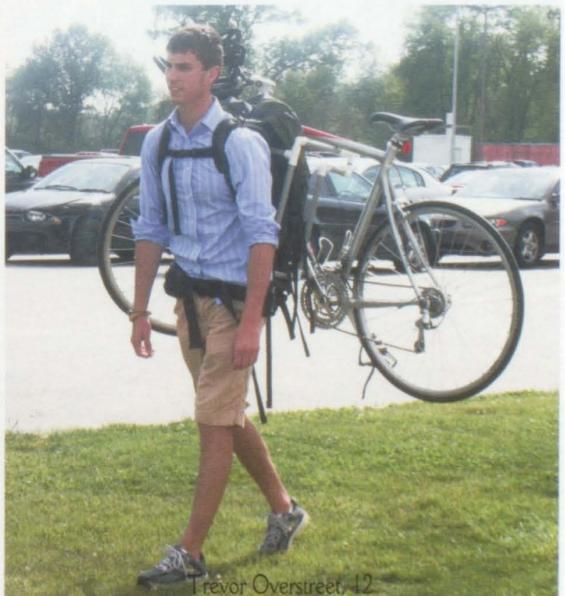
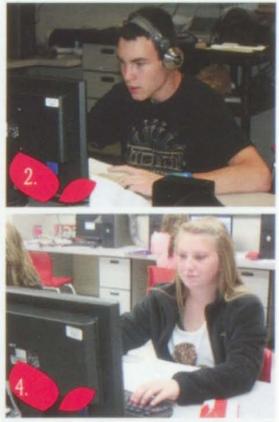


Needing help, the yearbook staff called sophomore Mitchell Chorzempa. "I have learned a lot about fixing computers in Computer Repair. I enjoy being able to help people out," said Chorzempa. *Photo by M. Brown*



"I'm not even in Mr. Martin's class, but I wish I was. I got to have the experience of handling the camera, and it made me wish I would have taken the class in the first place," said junior Matthew Mezacaupo. *Photo by Z. Wright*

1. Josh Shearer, 9
2. Michael Petruska, 11
3. Michael Dorrance, 12
4. Josh Loshier, 10
5. Pagie Sanders, 9



Trevor Overstreet, 12



"Group projects are the best. I love being in a group because we work with different

"After planting and seeing the poinsettias grow, I was completely amazed that I could keep a plant alive," said

"Welding allows you to work at your own pace and not have to rely on others. It also gives

ent people, and the job gets done faster," said junior Emily Tucker. *Photo by Z. Wright*

sophomore Taitum Caggiano. *Also Pictured: sophomore Emily Prairie* *Photo by Z. Wright*

us a skill that we can use later on in life," said senior Travis Irvine. *Photo by Z. Wright*



Singing as "Meg" from the Disney movie *Hercules*, senior Brittany Gillespie leads her class. "I absolutely loved playing the role of Meg. At first I was nervous about having a lead role, but the best part was having everyone's attention," said Gillespie. *Photo by A. Cobb*

Acting is Behaving Truthfully Under Imaginary Circumstances

By Caitlin Abel

Lights, set, make-up, and costumes were the basics of Mrs. Jill Steiner's Theater Arts and Theater Production classes. "What I liked best of Theater Productions was being a director. It was a different experience than acting. It was stressful, but fun," said

senior Sarah Hinchy.

Starting their year, students learned about the basic elements of staging which included Productions rule, "Never turn your back to the audience."

After learning the basics of acting and staging, young actors learned about stage

make-up. They were allowed to create a face, including bruises, blood, or cuts. They also learned how to make it look like somebody appeared older with wrinkles, or a slimmer nose.

In Theater Arts, the famous "Ice Cream Scene" allowed stu-

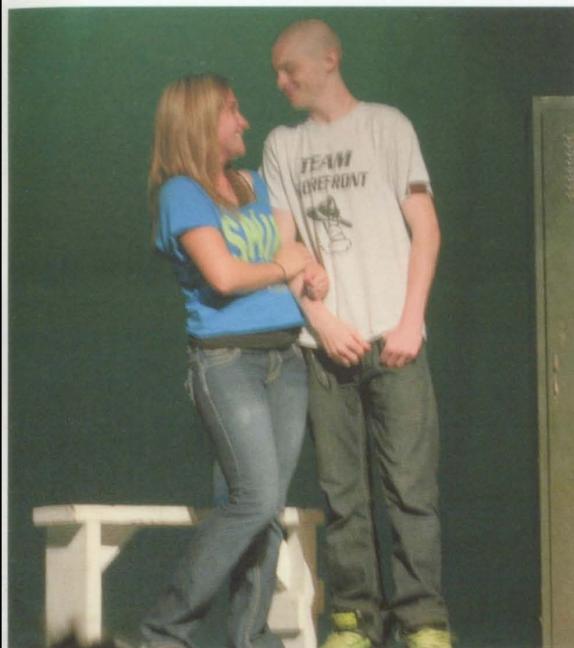
dents to put their personal spin on a scene.

They performed music videos that were first directed by Theater Production students. Next, Theater Arts students directed their own videos.

Their final consisted of a personal twist on Disney's *Beauty and*

the Beast, The Little Mermaid, Hercules, and Sleeping Beauty.

Theater Productions took a different approach to their class. They focused on directing and producing a show. They were taught how to run the light board, create a set, and set up staging of actors.

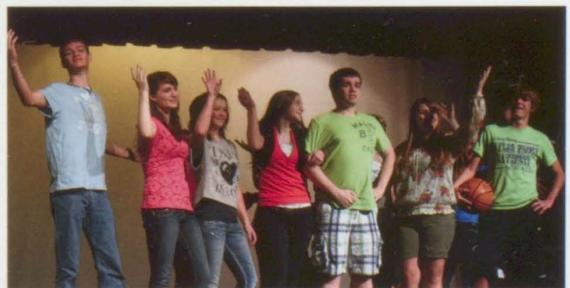
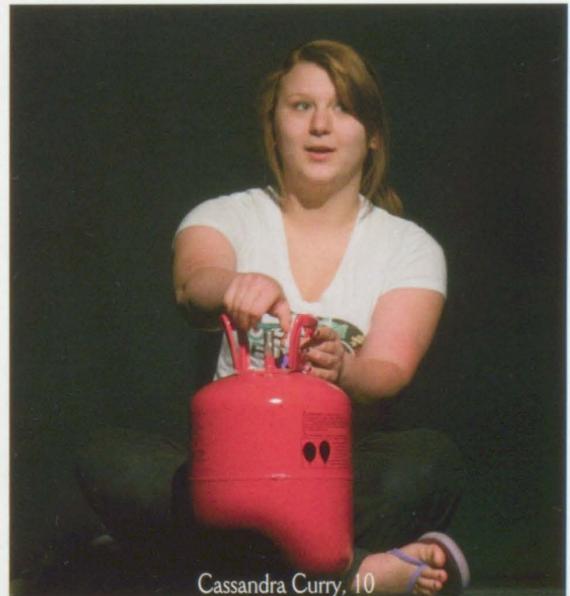
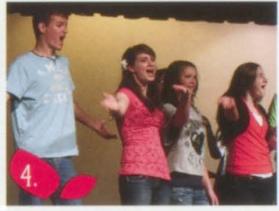


After singing about wanting to live on land instead of the sea, sophomore Alexandra Eggert, playing Ariel, finds her "Prince Charming" in junior Christian Leeming. Photo by C. Abel



Senior Lucas Bencze acts out his class's original play, as Pauly D. The play was created as a mix between two popular topics, *Twilight* and *The Jersey Shore*. Photo by C. Abel

1. Samantha Greathouse, 10
2. Lindsay Swim, 12 & Tyler Palmer, 11
3. Christian Leeming, 11
4. Nathan Kingma, 12, Grace Huddleston, 10, Paige Gifford, 11, & Toni Stoerman, 10



Ending their version of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*'s opening song, Theater Arts

performers join in the front of the stage to end the show with a bang. Photo by C. Abel

Instead of the usual lip sync-ing, instructor Mrs. Steiner creates a 'Readers Theater,'

where the actors spoke out the lyrics in a poetic form instead of singing and dancing.

Getting her hair styled by sophomore Joseph Wright, sophomore Mirka Roman-

Cortez gets ready for her debut as a new reality star. Photo by C. Abel

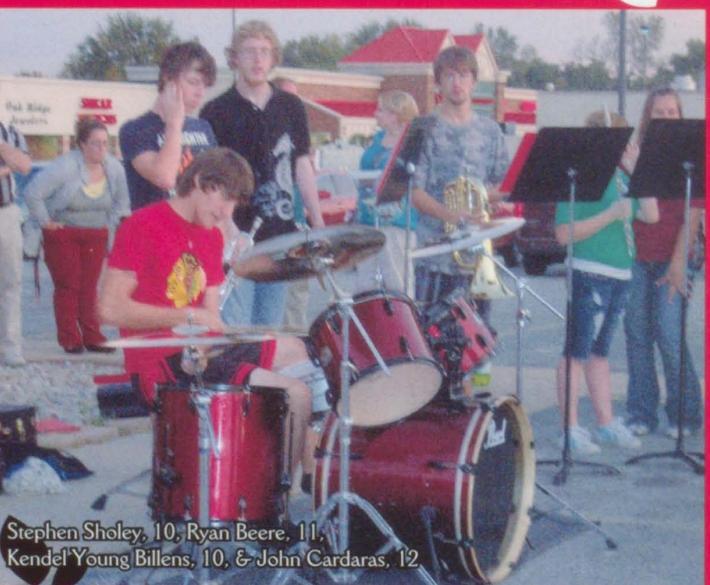
Bringing Christmas cheer, senior choir members Jordan Wright and Alexius Rodriguez, and sophomore Grace Huddleston sing to classrooms. As a gift, they gave the teachers dilly bars. *Photo by C. Berns*



Clubs & Activities



Bianca Likens, 12, & Shelby Hurst, 11



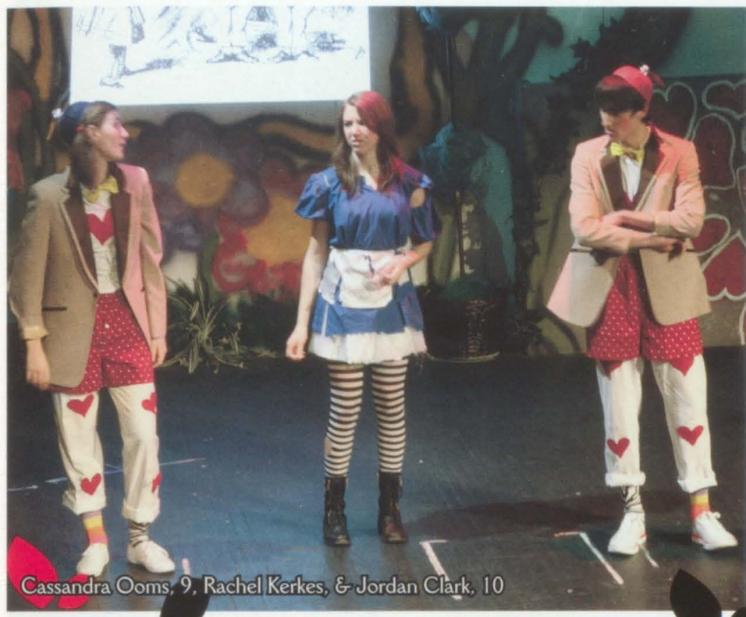
Stephen Sholey, 10, Ryan Beere, 11, Kenedel Young Billens, 10, & John Cardaras, 12



Nathan Kingma, Zachary Ratliff, & Tyler Steinke, 12



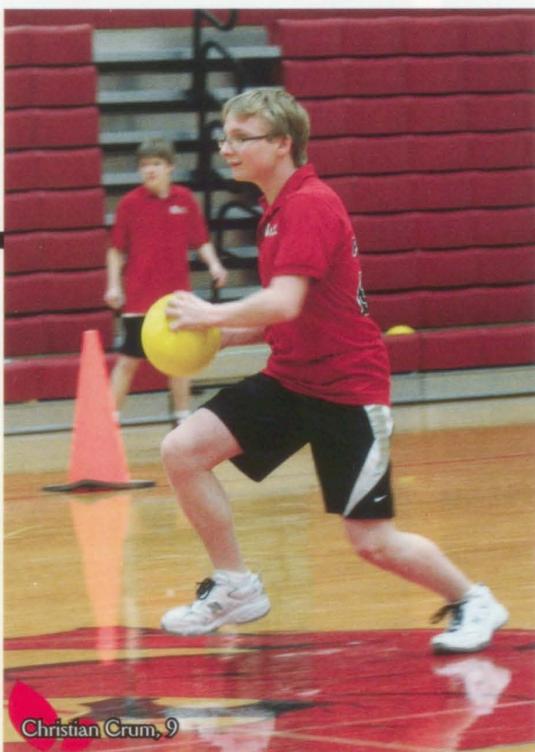
Sydney Hickman, 9



Cassandra Ooms, 9, Rachel Kerkers, & Jordan Clark, 10



Levila Gluth, Oak Grove Resident & Chelsea Fulkerson, 12



Christian Crum, 9



Junior Vincent Lynch collects cans from SRT rooms for the Student Council Food Drive. "I loved seeing how much people care and how much they donated. The thing I liked the most was seeing the smiles on Mr. Cates' class when they received one of the pizza parties," said Lynch. The other pizza party went to Mrs. McKinney's SRT. All together, teens gave more than 1,000 cans of food to Wheatfield and DeMotte Food Pantries. Photo by C. Burns

- Band, Orchestra, and Choir celebrated a **successful** year filled with gold medals. Choir sent junior Brittney Hale and seniors Francis Allen, Kerrie Morenz, Kara Ooms, and David Phillips to **All-State Choir**. Senior Elizabeth Masten was chosen for the National Phantom Regiment. With this drum and bugle corps, Masten traveled for **three** months for the second consecutive year throughout the United States.
- **"Dazzling"** was the only word that could describe Student Council's January Winterfest Olympic Opening Ceremony which used a blackened gym and spotlights to introduce various acts.
- Senior Travis Yates celebrated as the auctioneer exclaimed, **"Sold for \$1,000!"** at the annual FFA member auction.
- **"Caring"** was the response for cancer patient Amanda Knight who received **over \$1,000** from Youth Alive, which sold ribbons to aide in the expenses of her treatment.
- On March 9, teens donated **\$1,079** for "Hats for Henryville", the area devastated by a tornado.
- Dance team was lost for words when they took **first place** for their "Tricky" performance at the Regional Dance competition on February 26. Senior Amanda Ferrell received a **\$500** scholarship for her solo.

Using Your Smarts

Stars came out at Valparaiso University in April when Brittney Ferris, Trevor Shelhart, Robert Fraticelli, and Ryan Beere competed on *Making the Grade*, a 30 minute show that aired in April. After winning the first two rounds, the team ran into heavy fire against Andrean.

In additional competition, Ferris and Beere anchored the

Spell Bowl team, which brought home the second place trophy from their first outing in North Judson. In round two they placed 17th out of 42 schools.

In January, Beere, Ferris, Fraticelli, and Shelhart earned numerous individual awards and placed 5th out of 9 against six member squads. "Competing was fun! You get a sense of accomplish-

ment when you do well," said Beere.

In March, the team expanded as the Super Bowl competitions pitted area schools against each other. In spite of a strong showing, the team missed a state bid by a few points.

In the area coach's voting, Brittney Ferris was elected to the All-Conference Area Team for her dedication to Academic competition.



1. Brittney Ferris, 12
2. Brianna Vanderhere, 12
3. Justin Early, 10
4. Ryan Beere, 11

"Spending time with my team was the best part of *Making the Grade*. They're pretty funny people," explained senior Brittney Ferris. The show was taped and aired in April. Photo contributed by G. Pulido



Junior Trevor Shelhart is being asked a question during *Making the Grade*. "There's never a dull moment in competition," commented the victorious Shelhart. Photo by G. Pulido.

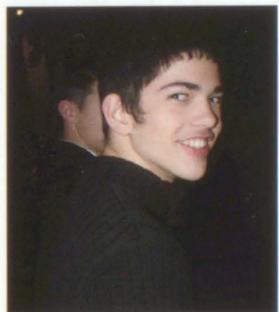
Decathlon: Row 1: Trevor Shelhart, Brittney Ferris, Ryan Beere Row 2: Robert Fraticelli, Brett Hoak, Joshua Hudspeth

Making the Grade: Brittney Ferris, Robert Fraticelli, Trevor Shelhart, Ryan Beere
Photo by G. Pulido





Junior Ryan Beere and sophomore Robert Fraticelli applaud the efforts each team has made during the Academic Decathlon Awards program, which was held on January 11. Both competitors took home multiple awards. *Photo by K. McKinney*



"My favorite part of Academic Teams is the cookies! No, but really, I like the chance to learn new things, compete, and earn medals," said sophomore Robert Fraticelli. *Photo by K. McKinney*



"As a coach, we could always count on Brittney to bring not only her energy, but her talent to competition. At the TV taping, it was awesome to watch her solve a difficult math problem in a split second," said Decathlon and Spell Bowl Coach Mrs. Kathy McKinney. *Photo by K. McKinney*



Spell Bowl: Row 1: Kerrie Morenz, Courtney Marsh, Brianna Vanderhere, Brittney Ferris, Courtney Way Row 2:

By Caitlyn Wallace

Sponsor Dawn Patrayas, Michelle Fyda, Alice Santell, Candace Eck, Ryan Beere



Juniors Trevor Shelhart and Ryan Beere await final call after competing in Academic Decathlon. *Photo by K. McKinney*

A Journey Through Wonderland

"Wonderland doesn't happen to Alice, Alice happens to Wonderland" was the motto for the cast and crew of Alice in Wonderland, directed by Mrs. Jill Steiner. They worked hard to create a new type of show that the audience applauded enthusiastically on March 2 and 3.

Starring as Alice, sophomore Rachel Ker-

kes pushed through an Upper Respiratory Infection on opening night. "I was very upset about nearly losing my part, but I wasn't going to let that stop me. I love being on stage, so I powered through it!" exclaimed Kerkes.

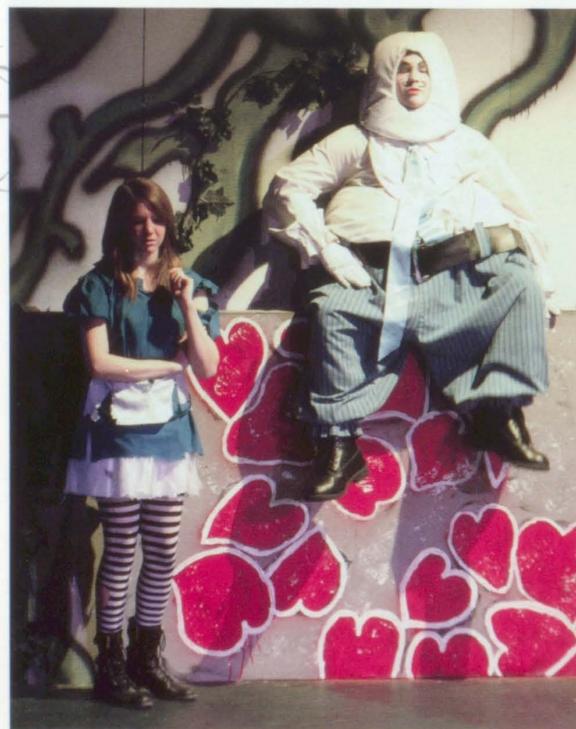
The part of Chessy was most interestingly cast as senior Rachel Scott who was the voice of the famous cat. He only appeared on

stage as a videotaped puppet. Throughout the show, a projector screen was used to emphasize important moments and quotes, and also to help create a "video game" feel for the show. This concept of Wonderland being a video game was tied together when the game glitched at the end, and Alice realized none of her experiences were real.

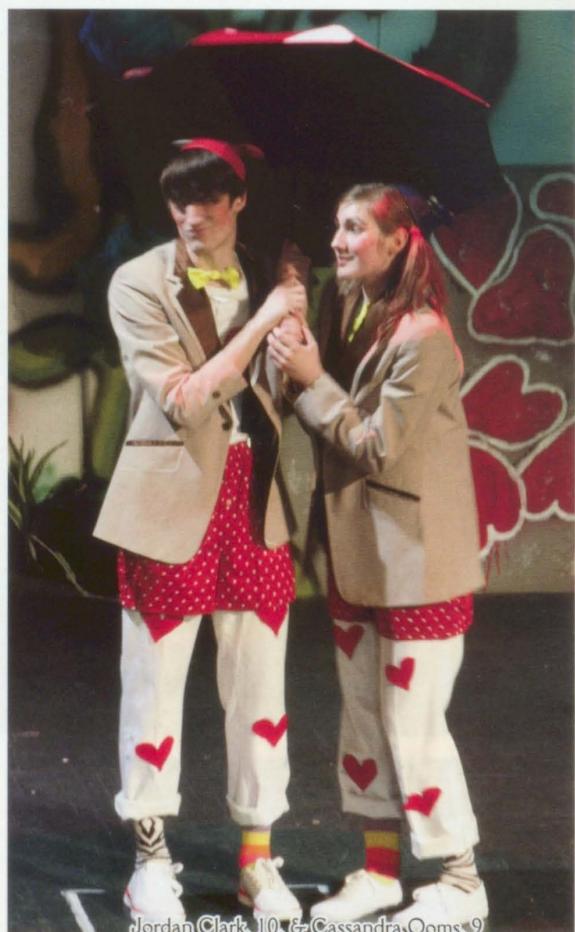


1. Kimberly Peterson, 12, & Sabrina Misiak, 11
2. Toni Stoermann, 10
3. Taylor Nomanson, 11
4. Caitlyn Wallace, 10

Senior Humpty Dumpty Michael Dorrance criticizes Alice's vocabulary as she attempts to ask him for directions. This was one of the many distractions that frustrated Alice during her time in Wonderland.



Asking directions to the croquet field, Alice finds that the Duchess is full of morals and life lessons. "My favorite part of any play I do is the way the audience reacts to the scenes. It's good to see and hear them enjoying the performance," commented senior Sarah Hinchy.



Jordan Clark, 10, & Cassandra Ooms, 9

"Off with their heads!" screams the Red Queen as the audience, and the King, junior Kyle Noland, shivers with fear. "Everyone thinks that it's the lead who carries the show. In some cases that might be true, but here at KV it takes everyone! From the actors, big or small, to our sound lights and set crew. We make it happen!" exclaimed senior Jordan Wright.



Acting as the caterpillar, junior Lillian Luttringer is wearing a rendered prom dress. "Having this role in the play was exciting, yet very stressful at the same time. I wouldn't trade the experience for the world. I love participating in all aspects of drama," said Luttringer.

By Maranda Brown
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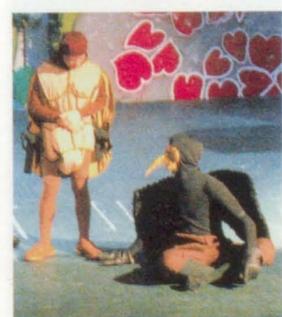
Senior Steven Scally, vigorously waving scissors in the air, tells Alice that she needs to cut her hair. "My favorite part of being the Mad Hatter was shattering tea cups. I would set out every night to break everything on the table. One practice I broke a cup clean in half and proceeded to 'drink' out of it. Later, I found it shattered," described Scally.



"My favorite part was when I had to switch characters right before the performance and learn all the new lines and scenes," said sophomore Mirka Roman Cortez.



"The greatest part about being Chessy would be watching all of the actors grow as individuals," commented senior Rachel Scott.



"Being a senior, I felt that I needed one last time to act with my friends and have a good time. Being the Gryphon allowed me to do that," commented Nathan Kingma.

Kolor it Up

Whether it was with flags flying, poems being scribbled down, or crocheting bags for the homeless, Kolor Guard, Mirage, and Art Club made sure their mark was made.

"Breaking Away" was the theme Mirage tackled as Mrs. Sue Kwiatkowski took on her first year as advisor. They also held a contest for who would design the

cover of the magazine. Mr. Tony Cochran lead his first year of Art Club, using art to give back. Members crocheted mats out of plastic grocery bags which were donated in late May to a homeless shelter in Chicago.

Kolor Guard started their season off in early June. The show was "Reflections of Earth", in which they performed with flags, rifles, sabers,

swing flags, and globes. During the week of band camp, Guard members received the spirit stick for being the only section that had their entire show prepared by the end of the week.

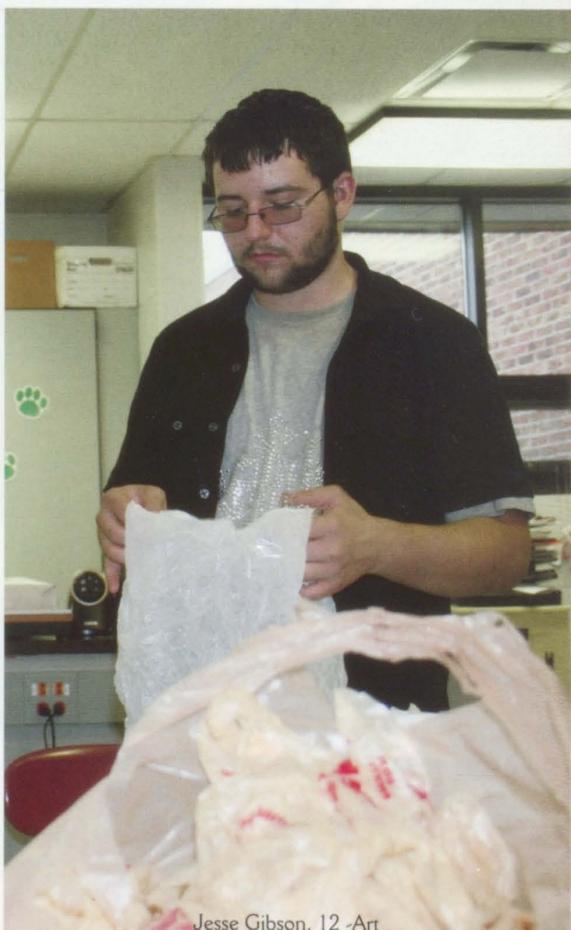
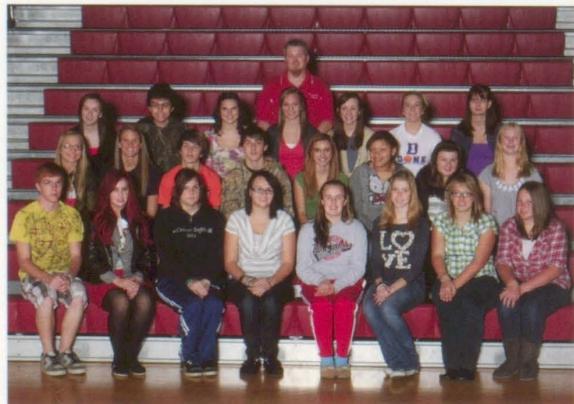
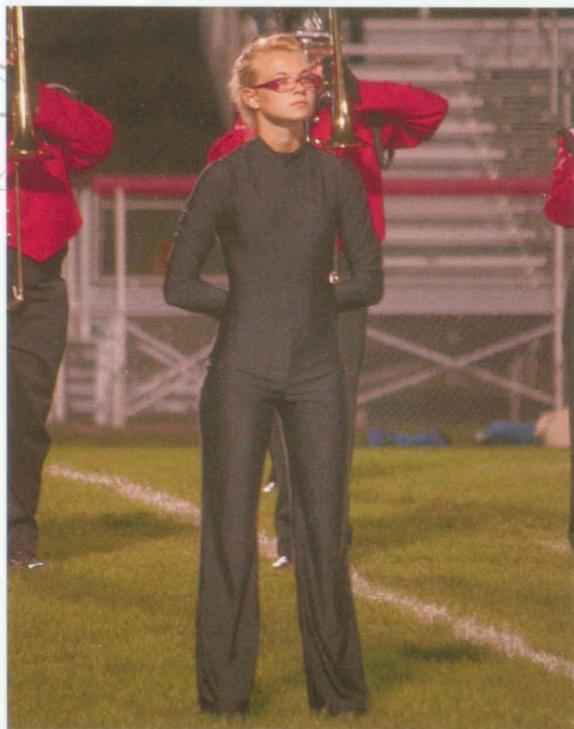
Each song was accompanied with a soloist. The three soloists were seniors Kerrie Morenz, Courtney Marsh, and Caitlin Abel. Guard received two Auxiliary Awards in competition.

1. Laura Estrada, 11 - Guard
2. Tyler Lynch, 12 - Art
3. Christopher Berns, 10 - Art
4. Kayla Gustafson, 9 - Guard

Standing at attention, junior Emily Cwiklinski waits for the National Anthem. "It felt good to represent the Guard in front of the crowd and to be on the field without having to share it," said Cwiklinski. Photo by M. Dyer



Holding the flag high and proud, senior Kimberly Kuhns shows off the stars and stripes in front of the crowd. It was the responsibility of the Guard to take care of the flag at home football games during "The Star Spangled Banner". Photo by M. Dyer



Jesse Gibson, 12 - Art

Art: Row 1: Tyler Lynch, Rachel Scott, Katherine Hennings, Alyssa Lunsford, Jordyn Rentschler, Emily Prairie, Lacey Myers, Jessica Nagel Row 2: Tessa Whitson, Gabrielle Martin, Ayden Blake, Hunter Brodner, Amelia Cobb, Brian Young, Harli Reno, Katherine Woolever Row 3 Corissa Abell, Christopher Berns, Jordan Rhoades, Jordan Brodner, Taitum Caggiano, Alexis Howard, Cari Knip



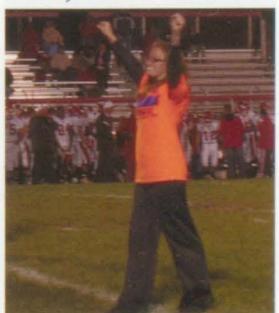
Pulling the cut plastic bags into loops, sophomores Ayden Blake and Hunter Brodner work on making the yarn for the crocheted mats. "I loved being able to spend almost three weeks with Ayden in the art room making the mats," said Brodner. Photo by C. Burns



"The best part about being involved with Guard is being part of a team where all of us work toward the same goal. Even if we don't reach it, it was all still worth it," said sophomore Ashley Jarrette. Photo by M. Dyer



"I love Mirage for its total originality. It lets me express myself and lets other people see my work. I also love how people can submit things anonymously," said junior Carmen Lonsberry. Also Pictured: Scott Gesiakowski & Patience Richie, 12. Photo by A. Cobb



Kolor Guard: Row 1: Kimberly Kuhns, Caitlin Abel, Courtney Marsh, Kerrie Morenz, Echo Czarnecki Row 2: Ashley Jar-

rette, Renee Jones, Emily Cwiklinski, Laura Estrada Row 3: Emily Shear, Kayla Gustafson, Carley Abel, Sydney Barrett

By Caitlin Abel & Adelaide Cobb



"My favorite memory of Guard was having a solo in the last song. I did a really high saber toss, spun around, and then caught it. It was epic," said senior Caitlin Abel. Photo by M. Dyer

Learning for the Future

Surrounded by books from 7:30 - 2:30, it was ironic that some teens sought out even more knowledge through participation in Book Club and Future Educators of America. However, 37 students enjoyed discussing personally read novels or developing skills in a hands on club for future educators.

In Book Club, teens were able to choose

novels to discuss. "The love of books and discussing books with others is fun, and the main reason why I became the sponsor," said Librarian Mrs. Sylvia Feicht.

On April 18, Principal Lobsiger led a meeting about WWII. Members read the book *Billy Boyle, Blood Alone* and compared it to the stories Lobsiger shared about the war. Lobsiger's

WWII memorabilia was also set up in the library on March 14 and 15.

In FEA, members went around to SRT classes and asked students to write down their favorite school memory for the Teacher Wall of Fame during Teacher Appreciation Week. "I liked going to different SRTs and reading everyone's favorite memories," said Lucas Villalpando.

1. Zachary Wright, 10
2. Robert Kuhn, 10
3. Kara Ooms, 12
4. Katie Sanders, 9

During a Future Educators of America meeting sophomores Grace Huddleston and Kaitlin Gilbert listen to upcoming events and activities. "I joined FEA to help the teachers that help us every day," said Gilbert. Photo by A. Warren



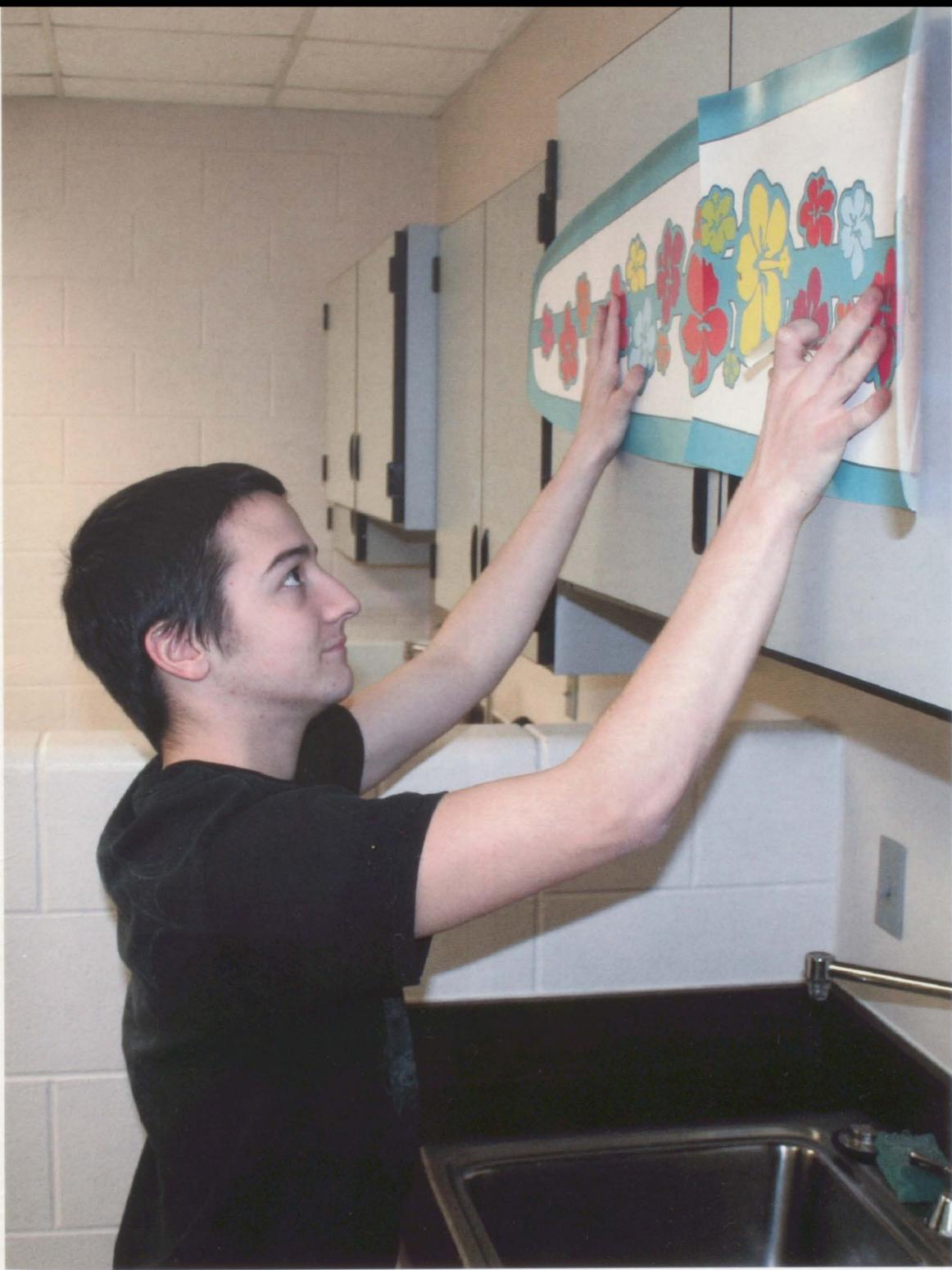
Learning for the future, seniors Felicity Way, Cori Hemphill and junior Patrick Snow- Counter- man discuss the book they were reading. "I like how close everyone is and how the books we read were so interesting," said Way. Photo by A. Warren



Arianna Koppen & Rebecca Loslo, 10

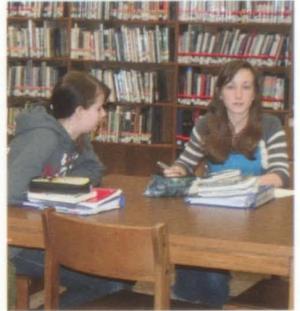
Book Club Row 1: Katherine Hennings, Traci Baker, Patience Richie, Rebecca Loslo, Nina Maze, Jordan Wright, Felicity Way, Brittney Young Row 2: Carlie Trosper, Arianna Koppen, Michelle Kent,

Katie Sanders, Courtney Way, Kayelin Martens Row 3: Co-Sponsor Dawn Patravas, Zachary Wright, Patrick Snow Counterman, Jacob Shreve, Michael Dorrance



After school, junior Joshua Hudspeth decorates the teachers' lounge for Hawaiian Day. "FEA is a blessing and honor. We learn about what it is to be a teacher. The best part of it all is being with others who have the same ambition and meeting and talking with them as we make that connection especially with the people who have a common subject in mind. There is nothing like it," expressed Hudspeth.

Photo by A. Warren



"I joined Book Club because I love to read and thought it might be fun to try something new," said sophomore Tatum Caggiano. *Photo by A. Warren*



"Doing all of the unique activities and getting excited about becoming a teacher is what I enjoy most about being in FEA," said sophomore Paige Myers. *Photo by A. Warren*



FEA Row 1: David Phillips, Kara Ooms, Lucas Villalpando, John Conley, Christopher Berns Row 2: Brittany Stepp, Robert Kuhn, Katie Sanders, Joshua Hudspeth, Alexis Tinkel, Kaylyn Banaszak, Patience Richie Row 3: Genna Truelock, Grace Huddleston, Jordan Kroll, Lillian Luttringer, Katherine Jones, Paige Myers

By Ashley Warren



"What I like best about Book Club is all the discussions and different opinions on books that we read," said senior Patience Richie. *Photo by A. Warren*

March to your own beat

Go Band!" was the new chant that kicked off band season. Marching Band began with their show, "Visions of Earth," led by drum major seniors Lindsey Marie Strong, David Phillips, and junior Jordan Kroll.

Musicians performed in the festival division, where they placed gold at every competition with one of the most challenging shows in band history.

Marching band per-

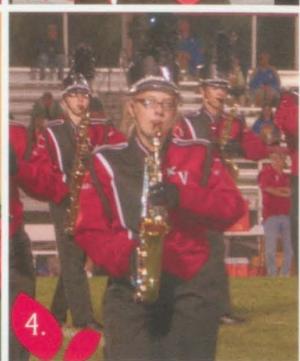
formed during games and cheered in the stands. "My favorite thing is leading the band cheers since freshman year which makes the game a lot more fun. The only downfall is that I usually lose my voice the next day," said senior John Cardaras.

Next was pit band, which played during the school musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*. Senior Kara Ooms was in the pit and acted as a Nightingale in the show. "Even though the music was hard, the most challenging was putting on a

poofy skirt without anyone seeing," said Ooms.

Musicians were allowed to reach outside of the classroom. Senior Lindsey Marie Strong and Elizabeth Masten were two of the 350 students chosen for the IMEA Honor Band. Masten was also selected for a second year to perform in the International Phantom Bugle Corps.

In May, band was awarded the Indiana State Music Association's All-Music Award for earning golds throughout the year.



1. Lindsey Marie Strong, 12
2. Jay Weaver, 11
3. Jason Szerlak, 9
4. Lacey Myers, 10

As leaders for their section, seniors Jessica Hoffman and William Sutton practice before their performance. "Being a senior in marching band benefitted me by allowing me to become close to younger saxophone players while keeping their respect," said Hoffman. Photo by T. Eck



Francis Allen, 12

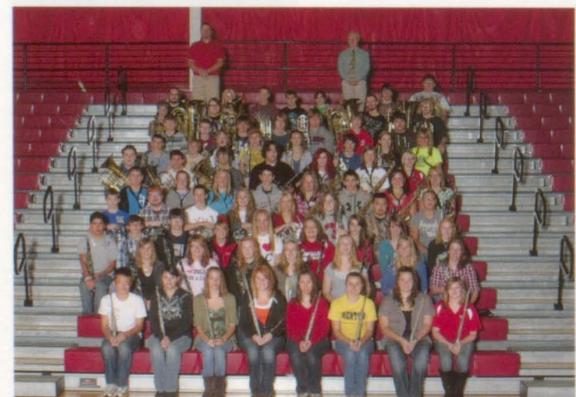


Elizabeth Masten & Kara Ooms, 12



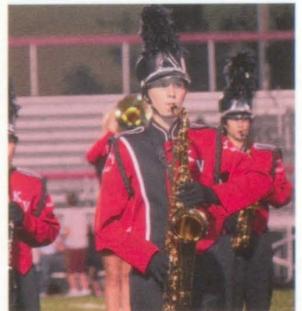
Marching: Row 1: Jason Szerlak, Emily Rhoades, Jordan Kroll, Tasha Jones, Candice Eck, Melanie Loslo, Kesha Molden, Samantha Purdue Row 2: Sarah Axtell, Cassandra Shevock, Kara Ooms, Taryn McDaniel, Katie Woolever, Lindsey Marie Strong, Morgan Overstreet Row 3: Moises Jacob Martinez, Jacob Shebesh, Robert Kuhn, Brooklyn Starr, Janna Witvoet, Taylor DeKock, Megan Beauvais, Kaitlyn Dock, Annelise Phillips

Row 4: Jason Borgman, David Phillips, Trevor Shelhart, Madison Babicka, Kelsey Jefferson, Rebecca Piepenbrink, Joseph Meyer, Jacob Scholz Row 5: William Sutton, Carly Manning, Kirsten Burden, Robert Fraticelli, Jessica Nagel, Michael Vega, Jessica Hoffman, Lacey Myers Row 6: Morgan Mann, Grady Garland, John Cardaras, Francis Allen, Rachel Scott, Cassandra Ooms, Samantha Greathouse Row 7: Kyle Patton, Christian Crum, Kendel Young Billens, Tyler Lynch, Elizabeth Masten, Ryan Beere, Amy Gunter, Rebecca Loslo Row 8: Tyler Wilson, Zachary Witkowski, Eric Vorst, Evan Croft, Andrew Sparks, Daniel Hinchy, Scott Gesiakowski Row 9: Ryan Buck, Nina Maze, Jay Weaver, David Sholey Row 10: Jeremy Vega, Erin Uhrhammer, James Tendick, Charles Curtis, Jordan Wilcox, Stephen Sholey, Trevor Dahlgren Row 11: Mr. Nicholas Boersma, Mr. Ken Steidle





Warming up their "chops" before their competition, junior Morgan Mann and the rest of the low bass section play their instruments before their North Judson show. "My section in band was so funny. They loved to just make everybody laugh. Nina Maze and I are the only girls in the section, yet we fit right in because we are just as crazy as the boys," said Mann. Photo by T. Eck



"The most memorable part of the marching season was band camp. We learned so much and began to bond with each other which lasted the whole season," said freshman Cassandra Ooms. Photo by M. Dyer



"My favorite part about having a solo in marching was the feeling that I got after playing it each time," said senior Kelsey Jefferson. Pictured: sophomore Robert Kuhn. Photo by T. Eck



Jazz: Row 1: Francis Allen, Cassandra Ooms, David Phillips, Robert Fraticelli, Kirsten Burden, Candice Eck, Jordan Kroll, Lacey Myers Row 2: Nina Maze, John Cardaras, Eric Vorst, Evan Croft, Daniel Hinchy, Scott Geisiakowski, Annelise Phillips, Director Mr. Nicholas Boersma

By Caitlin Abel



Cassandra Shevock, Robert Kuhn Row 3: Christian Crum, Kendal Young Billens, Rebecca Loslo, Ryan Beere, Kelsey Jefferson, Tyler Lynch, Trevor Shelhart, David Sholey, Jordan Wilcox, Stephen Sholey Row 4:



"The best part of Jazz Band is getting to have fun with friends and going on field trips. The worst part is the after school practices three days a week," said junior Ryan Beere. Photo by C. Abel

Sing Songs for the Soul

Beginning Choir, Women's Choralaires, the premier group, and Concert Choir were busy early in the year with a \$3,000 fundraiser, where they sold Fannie Mae candy bars and healthy snacks.

Also in the Fall, Indiana Choral Directors' Association held auditions for the All-State Choir and selected five students from this very competitive process. Junior Brittney Hale and seniors Frank Allen, Kerrie Morenz, Kara Ooms and David Phillips participated in the All-State Choir in Indianapolis.

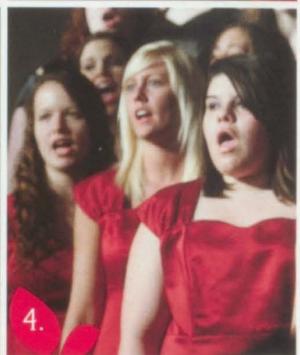
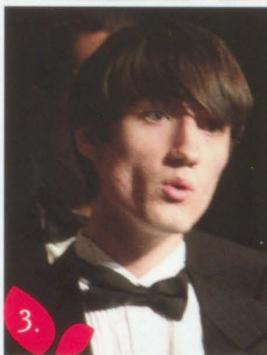
1. Cynthia Brubaker, 12
2. Dillon Kerns, 11
3. Jordan Clark, 10
4. Haley Garza, 10, Amber Supernaut, 11, & Paige Blanton, 9

In addition to the annual fall and holiday choir concerts, Concert Choir also performed for the Christmas Tree lighting at the Fairchild House in DeMotte, and in a holiday production at the Chicago Street Theatre in Valparaiso.

Solo and Ensemble competitors won over 30 gold and silver medals at district. Twelve soloists and four ensembles were chosen to advance to the state competition in Indianapolis. All three choirs performed for the ISSMA choir in April.

For the second consecutive year, Concert Choir competed in Level I (the most competitive level) and was awarded a gold rating for both their performances and sight-singing.

Fine Arts Department ended the school year with the "Festival of the Arts". This final concert featured all choir, band, and orchestra students in a spectacular display of musical talent. "The most difficult part of choir would be letting go of the people that have became family," said freshman Aracely Reyes.



Beginning Chior Row 1: Cynthia Brubaker, Jeannine Troutner, Paige Asbridge, Aracely Reyes, Jessica Trueblood, Carley Abel, Victoria Wyrobek, Abigail Phillips Row 2: Allison Klarich, Kelsey Anderson, Skylar Scott, Wiebke Luhrs, Cassandra Matthews, Brianna Obrenski, Kayla Gustafson Row 3: Katiana Rudelius, Christopher Stites, Dillon Kerns, Patrick Snow, Rachel Scott Row 4: Mrs. Lisa Faletto



Kaitlyn Boomsma, Cassandra Ooms, 9, Kara Ooms, 12, & Katelin Gilbert, 10



Choralaires Row 1: Victoria Swinford, Christine Cilek, Emily Shear, Kaitlyn Boomsma, Brooke Sytsma, Kimberly Kuhns, Bailey Richardson, Jessica Smundin, Jessica Reyes, Katherine Patz Row 4: Mrs. Lisa Faletto

Ashley Baker, Peyton Billens, Emily Shear, Kaitlyn Boomsma, Brooke Sytsma, Kimberly Kuhns, Bailey Richardson, Jessica Smundin, Jessica Reyes, Katherine Patz Row 4: Mrs. Lisa Faletto



During the Christmas Program, choir sing carols to celebrate the holiday season. They also sang several songs to celebrate the winter season. All choirs sang together for a big finale. *Photo by K. McKinney*



"Above all, I will miss Mrs. Faletto the most. She has turned our program into something beautiful and amazing. She pushed us to do our best. I'm so proud to say I know her," said senior Jordan Wright. *Photo by C. Wallace*



"My favorite performance was the Spring concert. I loved being able to perform one of my favorite songs from class, *Phantom of the Opera*," said sophomore Jessica Tiemens. *Photo by C. Wallace*



"Mrs. Tiemens was my favorite thing about choir. She brought so much energy to choir and made every day fantastic," said senior Francis Allen. *Photo by C. Wallace*



Concert Choir Row 1: Sarah Poe, Cynthia Brubaker, Kara Ooms, Kerrie Morenz, David Phillips, Francis Allen, Nathan Kingma, Jordan Wright, Alexis Rodriguez, Victoria Swinford, Rachel Scott Row 2: Renee Jones, Lillian Lüttringer, Ra-

chel Kerkes, Cassandra Ooms, Katelin Lott, Genna Truelock, Grace Huddleston, Nicole Wisneski, Emily Cwiklinski, Brittany Hale Row 3: Brandon Franz, Jordan Clark, Spencer Guerrero, Mrs. Lisa Faletto, Evan Croft, Trevor Shelhart

By Caitlyn Wallace
& Adelaide Cobb



Dance Your Heart Out

Fifteen girls made up the Varsity Dance Team, which worked hard to perform a total of two mini-camps and three routines to *Proud Mary*, *Superbass*, and *Burn it to the Ground*.

Five of the girls also participated in the Midwest Cheer and Dance competition, where they won first place in the Hip-Hop category. At the same competi-

tion, senior captain Amanda Ferrell won a \$500 scholarship for her solo. "Knowing that all of my effort and hard work paid off was a great feeling. It showed me that I can achieve anything that I put my mind to," said Ferrell.

Over the summer, the team attended a four day camp at Valparaiso University, which taught them a total of nine routines

combined at different levels of difficulty. One routine, "Proud Mary", was performed during basketball season.

On February 18, the team hosted the Sweetheart Dance with the theme "A Night in Paris", which was decorated in purples and golds

All black uniforms and warm-up jackets added to the visibility of the team, which was coached by Sherri Morrison.

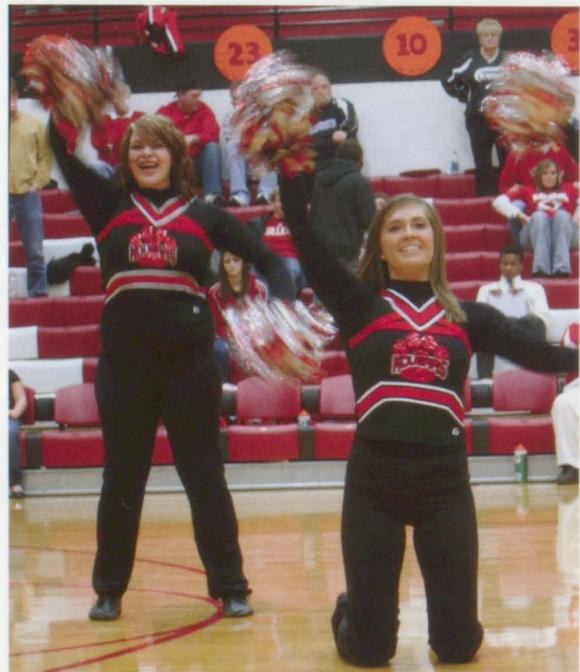
1. Taylor Thompson, 12
2. Lillian Luttringer, 11
3. Karla Duran, 10
4. Kelsie Chaney, 9

After performing at the Midwest Cheer and Dance competition to a compilation of songs including "It's Tricky" and "Moves like Jagger," the competition team poses happily with their first place and Grand Champion trophies. Photo by F. McDaniel



After performing their kick routine to a portion of Bohemian Rhapsody during the Winterfest pep show, sophomores Karla Duran and Megan Davis cheer for the Winterfest Court. Photo by A. Matson

Junior Lillian Luttringer and senior Breeanne Babe dance to "Superbass" by Nicki Minaj. Routine was performed in the beginning of January during a Girls' home Basketball game. Photo by A. Matson



Right: Performing to the song "Thriller," senior Kimberly Peterson and freshman Kelsie Chaney act like zombies. Ap-

proximately 70 girls participated in the October mini-camp. They all received glow-in-the-dark t-shirts. Photo by A. Cobb



Amanda Ferrell, 12, & Amanda Taylor, 11



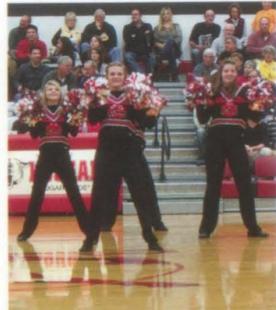


Row 1: Marissa Call, Kimberly Peterson, Breeanne Babe, Taylor Thompson, Megan Luedtke, Kelsie Chaney, Hannah Swim Row 2: Hannah Taylor

By Kimberly Peterson



As their routine comes to an end, junior Melanie Loslo and teammates form their poms in the shape of a V. The team spelled out "KV" to end the "Burn it to the Ground" routine, which they performed on January 7. Photo by A. Matson



"Doing the 'Wop' in the middle of the hallway at Dance Camp was the best memory I had all year," said sophomore Ryley Black. Photo by A. Matson



"It was beyond what I expected. I met a lot of new friends, but my favorite part was performing at the games and seeing how all of the early and late practices paid off," explained freshman Mackenzie Glenn. Photo by A. Matson



Ryley Black, Karla Duran, Skylar Scott, Mackenzie Glenn, Madison DeYoung, Lillian Luttinger, Megan Davis

"My favorite part of dance was working on our Home Routine during the summer months. It was great to see how we started with nothing and ended with such an amazing dance," said senior Megan Luedtke. Photo by A. Cobb

Praying for the Future

Pathfinders worked hard to be good role models as they spread the love of God during morning worships in the lobby and at weekly meetings.

During the first club meeting of the year, old and new Pathfinders learned about adviser Mrs. Richie's exciting trip to Israel over the summer.

During meetings when Mrs. Richie did not have any activities

planned, students held a devotion, prayer, and played learning games about the Bible.

One of the meetings consisted of Pathfinders finding and putting Bible verses on cars.

On October 7 the entire school was invited to See You At the Pole where teens shared in singing and praying for the good of the community. "My youth group leader was one of the people in charge, and he wanted us to

go, and I had a good experience," said Michelle Kent.

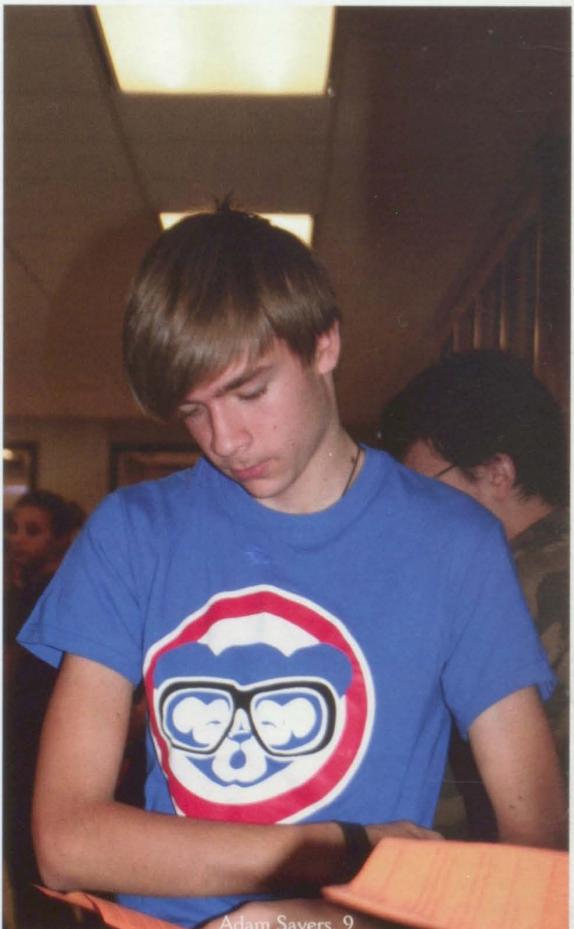
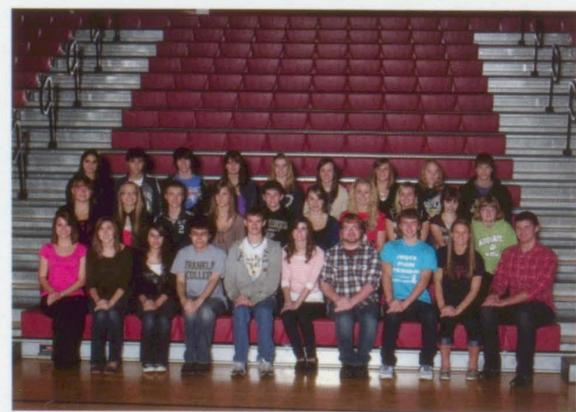
When spring came, Mrs. Richie told Pathfinders to bring in candy. Candy and Bible verses were put in eggs and hidden in the courtyard. When found, the messages were read aloud. Their final activity was writing Bible versus in chalk on the sidewalk. "I thought it was an enjoyable experience, and a good idea," said Adam Sayers.

1. Trevor White, 11
2. Taryn McDaniel, 12
3. Christopher Berns, 10
4. Brittney Bartholomew, 9

Junior Sarah Axtell puts a Bible verse on a student's car. Pathfinders hoped to brighten the days of those who found the verses. *Photo by Tyler Pritt*



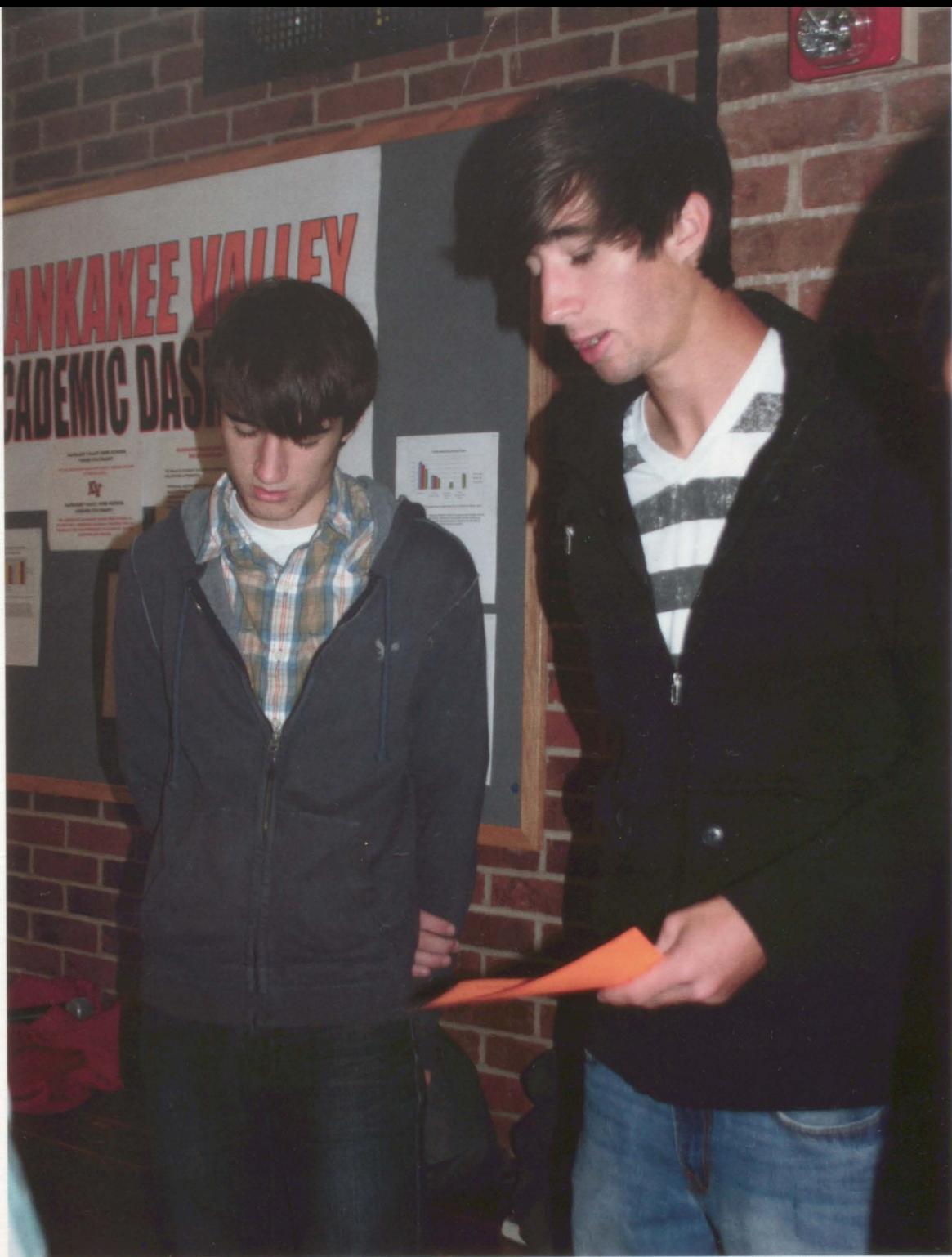
Seniors Lindsey Swim and Megan Luedtke walk through the parking lot back to the school after putting quotes on the cars in the parking lot. "I've been in Pathfinders since freshman year and I've enjoyed every minute of it. It's a really great club to learn about God in a school setting, and build relationships with some amazing people!" exclaimed Swim. *Photo by Tyler Pritt*



Adam Sayers, 9

Pathfinders: Row 1: Megan Luedtke, DesaDarea Hachlita, Peggy Boufis, Christopher Berns, Nathan Kingma, Chelsea Fulker-son, David Phillips, Dale DeHaan, Gabrielle Martin, Tyler Steinke Row 2: Savannah Johnson, Tessa Whitson, William Misch, Mada-

lyn Steinke, James Allen, Leanne Mulloy, Hannah Wilder, Tatiana Adams, Shanna Whitaker, Katherine Jones Row 3: Hannah McDaniel, Terry Boufis, Cody Bailey, Cari Knip, Emily Prairie, Taitum Caggiano, Sarah Axtell, Annelise Phillips, Brandon Boer



See You At the Pole

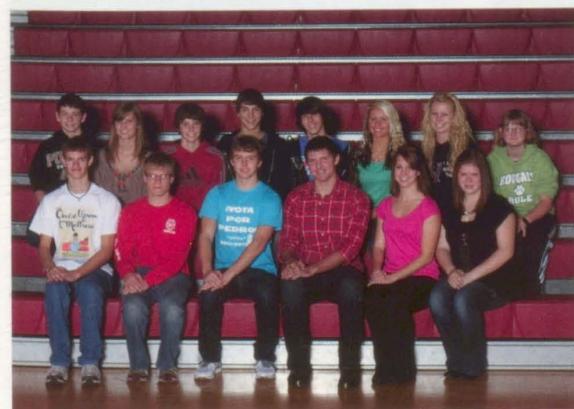
Senior Matthew Clark and his brother sophomore Jordan Clark, pray together during See You At the Pole. "It was sad because I knew I would be leaving, but I'm excited for the future," said Clark. Photo by C. Berns



"I joined Pathfinders because it is another opportunity to be with Christians during school and to do random acts of kindness with others instead of alone," said junior Hannah McDaniel. Photo by L. Lopez

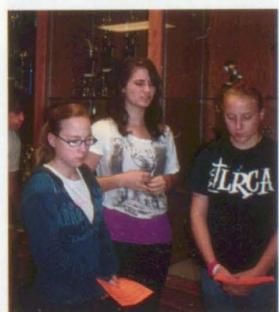


"The Easter egg hunt was very fun, and I enjoyed getting to be outside with friends," said senior DesaDarea Hachlica. Photo by T. Pritt



FCA: Row 1: Nathan Kingma, Nicholas Tiemens, Dale DeHaan, Tyler Steinke, Megan Luedtke, Alexius Rodriguez Row 2: James Allen, Madalyn Steinke, Adam Conley, Brandon Boer, Cody Bailey, Natalie Lotz, Hannah Wilder, Katherine Jones

By Tyler Pritt



"See You At the Pole was a great experience. It was great to pray with other believers. I will definitely attend again," said freshman Annilise Phillips. Photo by C. Berns

Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve

The motto of the National Future FFA organization was a great representation.

FFA members raised about \$3,000 in the annual member auction, at which members were sold to bidders for a day of work. Senior Travis Yates was sold for the highest, going for \$1,000.

FFA week was held February 22-24. Dress

up days included: Farm Implement and FFA T-shirt Day, Camouflage Day, Carhart and Boots Day, and Hillbilly Day. "The goal for FFA week was for the student body to recognize the true importance of agriculture in their daily lives," commented Mr. Steve Inman.

The annual Awards Banquet was held on April 16. Major awards given included: Star

Chapter Farmer: Emily Tucker, Star Green Hands: Alan Klemp and Heather Yates, Deklab Award and Outstanding Senior Member: Kelsey Jefferson, Mental Attitude Award: Darian Myers.

"The best thing about FFA is the leadership skills that are developed through contests," commented senior Nathan Kingma.

1. Darian Myers, 12
2. Timothy Hershman, 10
3. Alan Klemp, 9
4. Rylie Hoffman, 11

Introducing the new section of awards is senior Zachary Ratliff. As president, it was his job to keep order at the Awards Banquet. Photo by F. McDaniel



Freshman Heather Yates and junior Emily Tucker show off their awards at the Annual Banquet. Tucker was named President for her senior year. Photo by F. McDaniel



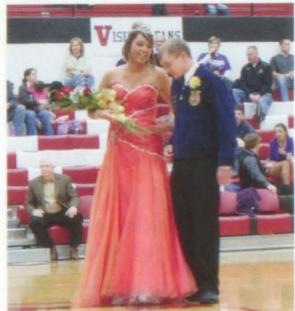
Christopher Clark & William Misch, 11

FFA Sweetheart Court: freshmen Heather Yates and Alan Klemp, sophomores Hannah Klemp and Brandyn Misch, 2011 FFA Sweet-

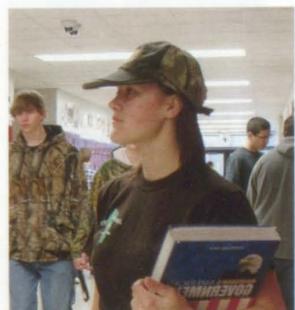
heart sophomore Madalyn Steinke and Mr. Guy Skrobol, seniors Melonie Christopher and Travis Yates, juniors Megan Tolney and William Misch



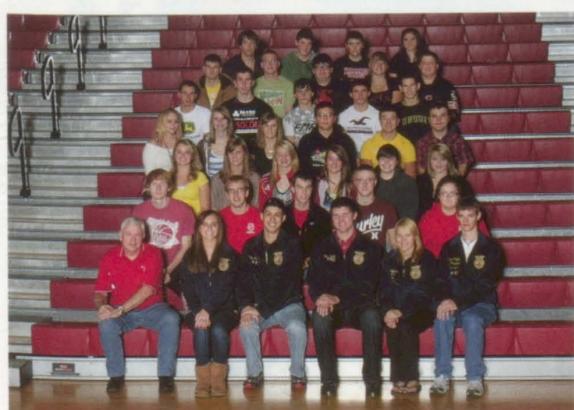
Junior Drake McCarty, senior Trevor Overstreet, and other FFA members row down the Tippecanoe river. "I liked rafting, except the part where I fell out of the raft around the first turn," commented Overstreet. *Photo by S. Inman*



"When I was crowned FFA Sweetheart, I was really excited, and I felt really honored," explained senior Melonie Christopher. *Photo by B. Chavez*



"The best parts about being in FFA would be the trips. I also got to meet a lot of new people, and I gained leadership and speaking skills," said senior Kelsey Jefferson. *Photo by B. Chavez*



FFA Row 1: Mr. Steve Inman, Emily Tucker, Zachary Ratliff, Tyler Steinke, Kelsey Jefferson, Nathan Kingma Row 2: Andrew Marcus, Lucas Grube, Trevor Overstreet, Blake Norberg, Christina McCallister Row 3: Rylie Hoffman, Madalyn Steinke, Lauren VanderWall, Caitlin Roth, Heather Yates, Callie Baird Row 4: Brittany Hilton, By Belanah Chavez

Aubrey Boonstra, Sarah Axtell, Alex Hoffman, Brandy Misch, Timothy Hershman Row 5: Nathan Rick, Christopher Clark, David Call, Grady Garland, Keith McGing Row 6: Austin Johnson, Joshua Buchmeier, Brett Armstrong, Savannah Johnson, Alan Klemep Row 7: Dillon Kerns, Justin Arnett, Zachary Williams, Amy Brennan



"Being bid on the highest was awesome; knowing that someone wanted me to work for them so bad that they were willing to spend \$1,000 on me was a great feeling," commented senior Travis Yates. *Photo by S. Inman*

Freshman Mentors

FM stood for more than just Freshman Mentor. To a freshman, it meant a friend, or a tutor. A Freshman Mentor was someone who first time high schoolers could count on. "FM's" were the foundation for the incoming class of 2015.

In the beginning of March, stacks of applications to become an "FM" were printed. By August, Mentors

had been chosen, and had undergone 18 hours of training.

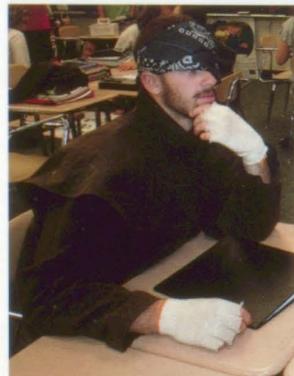
All of the training wasn't put to waste. In August, Mentors ran Freshman Orientation where incoming freshmen met their FM's and their Freshman Focus classmates, played team building activities, and ran through their schedules.

Throughout the year, "FM's" taught fresh-

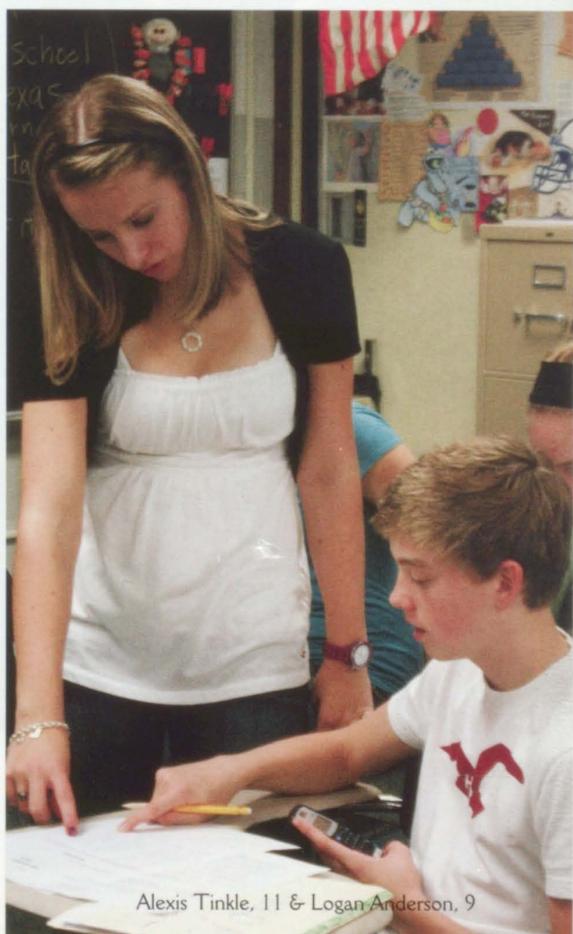
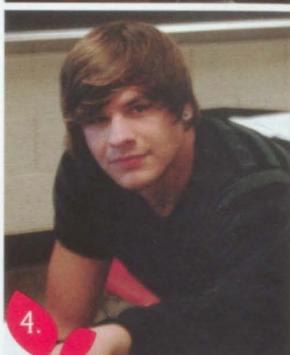
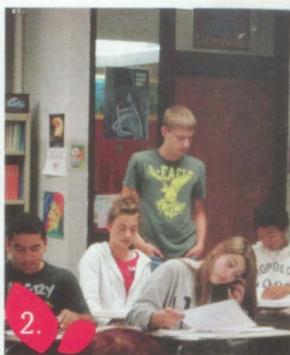
men how to survive high school. Mentors helped the freshmen gain the study and social skills they needed to be successful in high school and for some, college. "I think the program is great. It really supported me in the transition between middle school and high school. It has reinvigorated my passion for learning," added freshman Christian Crum.

1. Katlyn Cooper, 11
2. Jay Fieldhouse 11, Nicholas Acevez, Kaitlyn Boomsma, Megan Beauvais, 9
3. Jordan Kroll, 11
4. Collin Andrisko, 12

Signing the freshman banner, junior Christin Dahn helps freshman Jacob DeSimini look for a spot. "It is extremely important that my freshmen graduate! I want them to be successful in life," explained Dahn. Photo by S. Poe



Jay Weaver listens intently to one of his freshmen. Weaver felt that it was important to hear what his freshman had to say. "It is paramount to help freshmen think that they matter. The main problem freshmen have in high school is finding their place. Your identity suddenly becomes everything, and you feel like you have to be someone you're not. We let the freshmen know it's okay to be themselves instead of the cool kid that they think they have to be," said Weaver. Photo by S. Poe

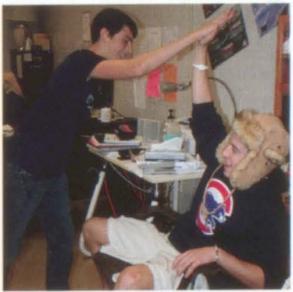


Alexis Tinkle, 11 & Logan Anderson, 9

Freshman Mentors believe that hard work pays off. Over the summer, Mentors trained 18 hours for one big day: Freshman Orientation. Orientation lasted from 7 am until 3 pm. Mentors were given the chance to bond with their freshmen. "266 freshmen registered for the Kougar Kick Off, which was our largest ever! Freshmen and mentors enjoyed a great day!" explained Vice Principal Mr. Guy Skrobul. Photo by T. Kingma



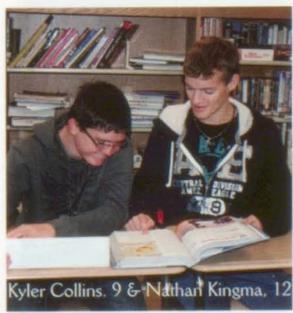
Dominant: "The Freshman Dance was so much fun because we got to be silly with the freshmen. It showed them that we aren't scary upper classmen," said senior Faith McDaniel. Photo by T. Kingma



Encouraging freshmen to do the right thing is an important part of the "FM" program. Freshman Kyle Patton received a high five from junior Cody Sekema. Photo by S. Poe



Mrs. Gwyn Skrobul, a Freshman Mentor teacher, plays an active role in her Freshman Focus group. She always encouraged students to participate and have fun. Photo by S. Poe



Kyler Collins, 9 & Nathan Kingma, 12



Freshman Mentors: Row 1: Kimberely Peterson, Sarah Poe, Lillian Luttringer, Morgan Bell, Steven Scally, Adelaiade Cobb, Alexis Rodriguez, Megan Bennett, Courtney Marsh, DesaDarea Hachlica Row 2: Jordan Kroll, Katelyn Cooper, Faith McDaniel, Courtney Hoffman, Taylor Thompson, Jennifer Anderson, Jessie Klemp, Stacey Heerema, Felicity Way, John

Conley Row 3: Jay Weaver, Sydney Robinson, Collin Andrisko, Haley Overby, Shelby Schoon, Hannah McDaniel, Kaitlin Boonstra, Trevor Shenhart, Brent VanSoest, Nathan Kingma Row 4: Jamie Philbrook, Mackenzie Misner, Alyssa Tucker, Rylie Hoffman, Maribeth Strong, Sophia Hufnagel, Alexis Tinkel, Felicia Jones, Brianna Niemiec, Stephen Mezzacapo Row 5: Jay

Fieldhouse, James Johnson, Steven Golightly, Taylor Isajewicz, Kaylyn Banaszak, Ashlyn Carlson-Burke, Nicole Jaki, Lyndsay Lopez, Jordyn Rentschler, Sabrina Misiak Row 6: Carlie Trosper, Melanie Loslo, Maranda Brown, Tyler Birky, Dillon Grace, Gage Abbring, Kyle Stuhlmacher, Kory Conner, Cody Sekema, Ashley Stahl Photo By N. Ketchem

By Sarah Poe

They're Funnier Than They Look!

Laughter filled the auditorium on May 25 and 26 as the four Improv teams, led by seniors Francis Allen, Sarah Hinchy, Steven Scally, and Rachel Scott, fought in a battle of wits for the victory.

The Hipsters, Sophisticated Punks, Sassy Senioritas, and the Flower Power Magic Rainbow Glitter Ponies competed in games such as Do-Run-Run, Chain Murder Mystery, Genre Jump, and

What's My Line?. Both nights, the final round was fought hard between the Sophisticated Punks and the Flower Power Magic Rainbow Glitter Ponies. However, the Sophisticated Punks, led by Allen, took home the "trophy" both nights.

"It felt great to win both nights. It is always nice to see that people really enjoy Improv, and liked my team enough to vote for us both nights. The best part of Improv is

all the time we spend together, practicing. Some of my funniest memories are of Improv rehearsals. I'll miss the people the most. We have become a very close knit unit over these past few weeks," commented Allen.

New to the group, Mr. Sean Lane assisted Mrs. Jill Steiner in coaching the troupe. Adding his own flare to the show, graduate Anthony Shevock returned to referee for the weekend.

1. Samantha Christenson, 10
2. Nicole Wisneski, 11
3. Sarah Hinchy, 12
4. Trevor Shelhart, 11

During a game of Four Corners, junior Nicole Wisneski and senior Francis Allen are given the characters of Rapunzel and a hair dresser. Photo by K. Peterson



Senior Steven Scally and junior Taylor Nomanson perform a small scene for "World's Worst". Their occupation was a janitor, which they made "worst" by acting as if they were covering up a body. Photo by K. Peterson



Kara Ooms, 12, & Rachel Kerkes, 10

Singing to the Beastie Boy Rap with the name "Bob" junior Lilly Luttringer and freshman Cassandra Ooms try to fill in the blanks that senior Rachel Scott leaves for them.



This game was challenging, because the two back row singers had to guess the same word the front person was intending. Photo by K. Peterson



Acting the parts of Chaos and Order, senior Francis Allen and sophomore Jordan Clark compete against the Flower Power Magic Rainbow Glitter

By Kimberly Peterson

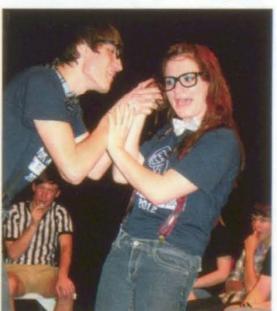


Ponies in Four Corners. Other character pairs during this game included an alien and a mortal, and sisterwives. Photo by K. Peterson

During a round of Countdown, senior Steven Scally and junior Bradley Ast throw a "kitten" onto their daughter, played by junior Taylor Nomanson. They created this scene in a minute, and then recreated it in 30 seconds, 10 seconds, and 5 seconds. Photo by K. Peterson



During a game of What's My Line? freshman Cassandra Ooms reads her assigned line to junior Trevor Shelhart. Photo by K. Peterson



Playing an alien, sophomore Jordan Clark attempts to make contact with sophomore Grace Huddleston, who is playing a mortal girl. Photo by K. Peterson



Sophomore Mirka Roman-Cortez floats around, and acts along with three members of her team as assorted chocolates lost in the ocean. Photo by K. Peterson



Embrace Your Talent

Singing, dancing, and improv filled the stage when students showed their talent during the annual Student-Teacher Talent Show on April 10, which was sponsored by Freshman Mentors and senior Steven Scally was the host.

Earning the highest score of the night and the winning the title was junior Nina Maze and Ms. Crystal Heuft, performing a violin and

viola duet.

Coming in second was Mrs. Steidle and Mrs. Price, along with the Health Occ girls, who danced for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Third place was awarded to Mr. Jeff Martin along with Lucas Bencze, Henry Shelly, Jordan Clark, Nicole Wisneski, Patrick Snow-Counterman, Mirka Roman-Cortez, Joseph Wright, Miranda Dodge, Cynthia

Atkinson and Devin Gillham as they performed to *Hallelujah*. "I loved being able to make beautiful music with others. I wish I could do that every day," said Dodge.

Judging the talent show was Mrs. Gayle Smith, Mr. Tony Cochran, and graduate Shayla Recker. "I really enjoyed the opportunity to interact with the students outside of the usual school setting,"

1. Sarah Hinchy, 12

2. Mr. Ken Steidle & Sean Valois, 11

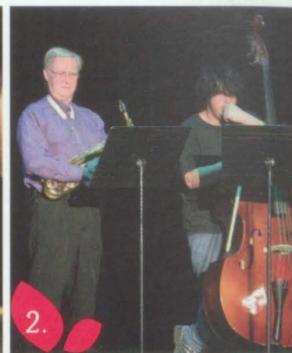
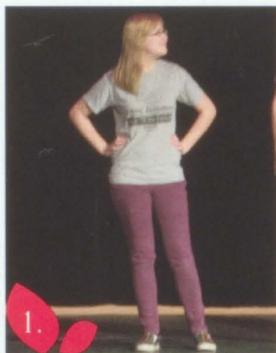
3. Hannah McDaniel, 11, & Brandon Martin, 9

4. Vincent Lynch, 11

Senior Steven Scally introduces the final performance of the night. "Hosting the talent show is a lot of fun. I'll miss the witty humor of Mr. Martin, Mr. Cates, and Mrs. Price," said Scally. Photo by A. Warren



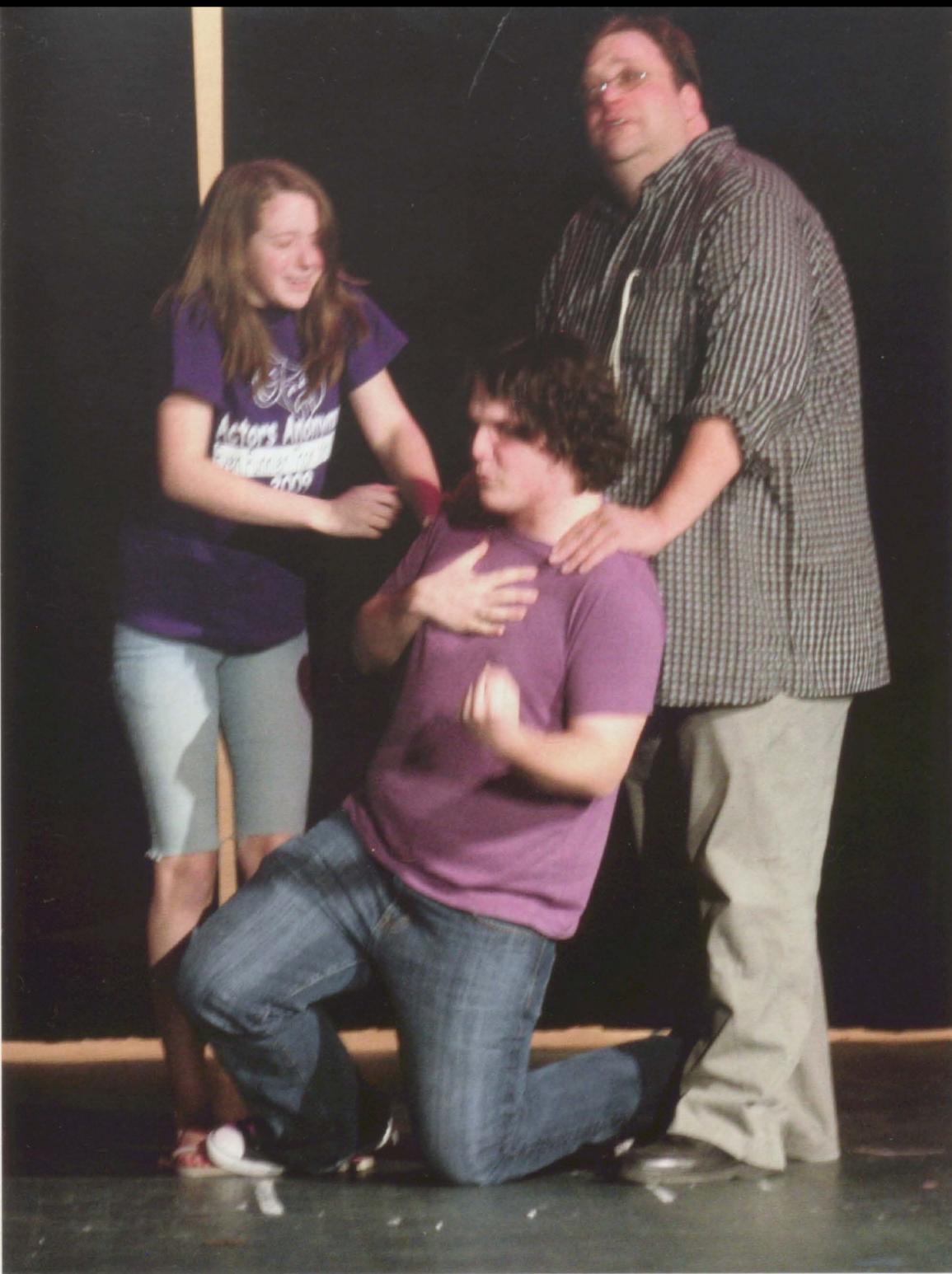
The first performance was freshman Megan Wolf and Mr. Ron Cates performing *Rocket Man* by Elton John. "I have always enjoyed singing and being able to sing in the talent show is something I will never forget," said Wolf. Photo by A. Warren



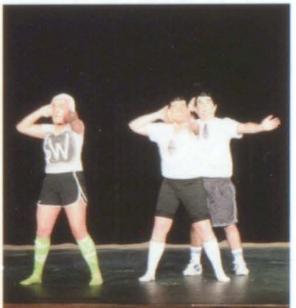
Cynthia Atkinson, 10 & Devin Gillham, 12

Performing on their violin and viola, junior Nina Maze and Ms. Crystal Heuft stun the crowd and the judges with their music. Their duet won them first place. "I didn't know what to think about

winning first place. It was awesome getting to show that classical music can still be cool, but I also loved getting to play with an amazing musician like Ms. Heuft," said Maze. Photo by A. Warren



While playing an improv game, sophomore Rachel Kerkes, senior Francis Allen and Mr. Sean Lane show the crowd their skills. "I wasn't nervous doing improv in the talent show because it comes naturally to me," said Allen. Photo by A. Warren



"I am so glad I participated in the talent show. I had a lot of fun, and no one expected us to turn around and have president masks on," said junior Maranda Brown. Photo by A. Warren



"What I like best about performing in the talent show is that we helped spread the word about breast cancer awareness and had a lot of fun," said senior Ana Davila. Photo by A. Warren



Singing *Hallelujah*, Mr. Jeff Martin joins sophomores Jordan Clark, Henry Shelby, Mirka Roman-Cortez, Joseph Wright, juniors Nicole Wisneski, Patrick Snow-Counterman, and senior Lucas Bencze

By Ashley Warren

in the talent show. "Performing in the talent show was a lot of fun. Getting the chance to perform with some very talented people is something I will never forget," said Shelby. Photo by A. Warren



"I will never forget being on stage and doing one of my favorite hobbies which is play guitar," said junior Dillon Kerns. Photo by A. Warren

"The Spirit"

Journalism is the ability to meet the challenge of filling space.

"There is nothing like walking into class and seeing everybody working and getting their stories done," said sophomore Lucas Villalpando. Staffers knew when they walked in the door that either something was due or something was in need to be done.

However, Newspaper wasn't all deadlines. Other responsibilities involved coming up with

the funds to publish the paper. Fundraisers included Little Caesars pizza kits and Terri Lynn candy; the money made from the fundraisers went toward the cost of printing the paper.

Some common articles found in the paper were teacher features, movie reviews, sports events, and upcoming events.

The staff also had work nights, during which staffers would stay after school and

finish the paper. They had about a month to finish one issue. In that month, staff members would brainstorm story ideas, interview people, research the facts, layout, print and fold the paper.

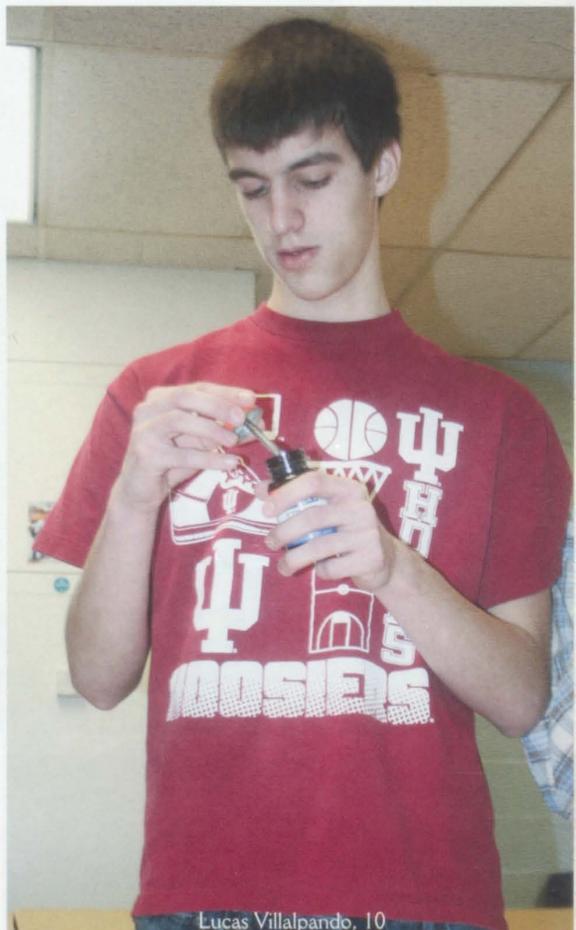
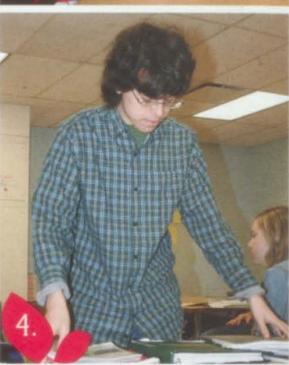
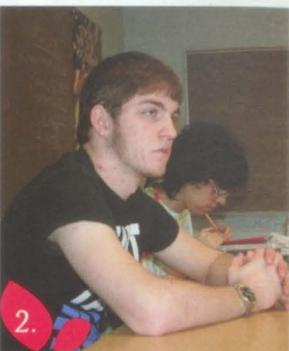
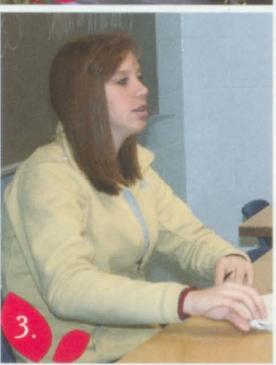
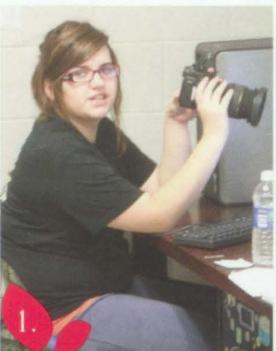
New Inductees for Quill and Scroll Honor Society were Christopher Berns, Tatiana Adams, Lucas Villalpando, Shelby Hurst, Michael Roth, and Miranda Retzlaff.

1. Alyssa Simmons, 12
2. Bennett Rish, 11
3. Mia Stevens, 9
4. Christopher Berns, 10

Senior Patience Richie adds up her final flower sales from one of the many fundraisers. "Newspaper takes mass amounts of dedication and perserverance. It's something you have to love in order to do it, as it can become frustrating. However, it's all worth it in the end," said Richie. *Photo by Z. Wright*

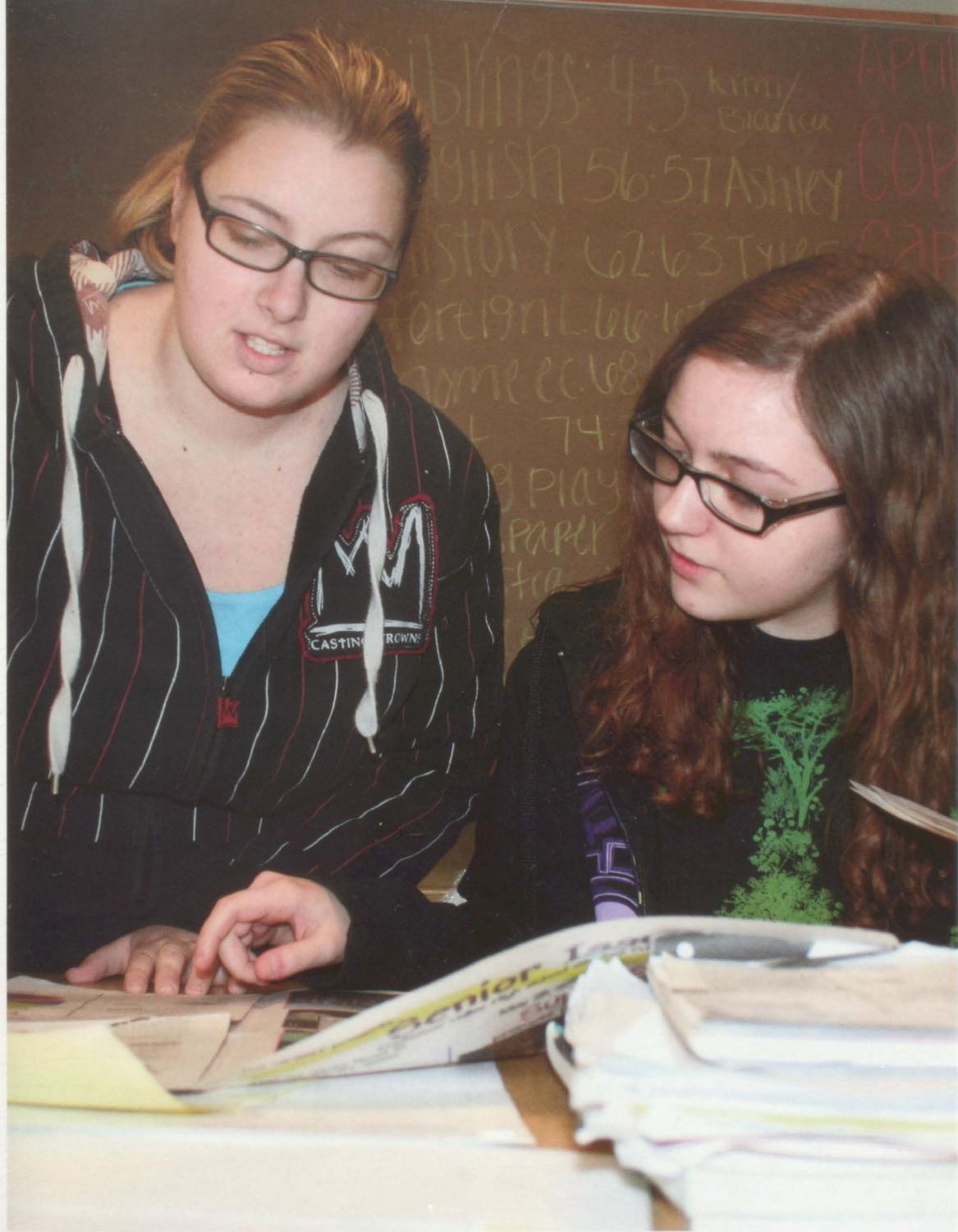


"Newspaper has taught me to expand my horizons. I was directed to write about many different subjects. I had to learn to open up to new people I normally wouldn't talk to. Overall, it's really taught me to come out of my shell, and I'm thankful for that. I know it will help me one day in the real world," said sophomore Tatiana Adams. *Photo by B. Likens*

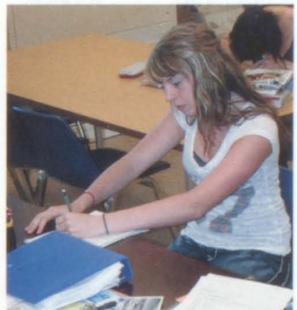


Lucas Villalpando, 10

Newspaper Row 1: Kelsie Chaney, Faith McDaniel, Alyssa Simmons, Patience Richie, Bennett Rish, Christopher Berns Row 2: Lucas Villalpando, Tatiana Adams, Cori Hemphill, Mia Stevens, Zachary Wright



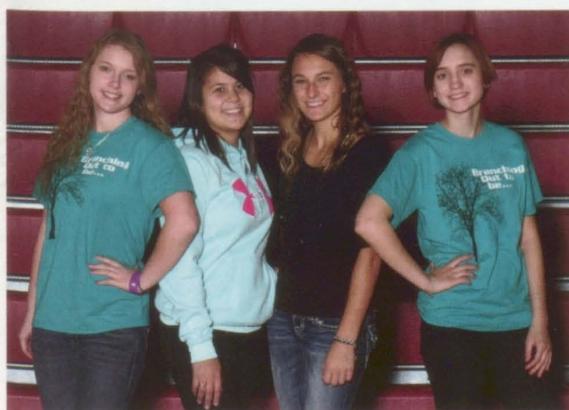
Working on finishing up the rest of the Senior Issue, seniors Faith McDaniel and Cori Hemphill clash their minds together on the layout. "The most difficult part of newspaper is interviews. People don't always cooperate, but you just have to deal with it and figure something out to get the information you need," said McDaniel. Photo by Z. Wright



"My favorite part of newspaper would have to be our after school work days because I liked being together as a newspaper staff," said freshman Madalyn Fiscus. Photo by Z. Wright

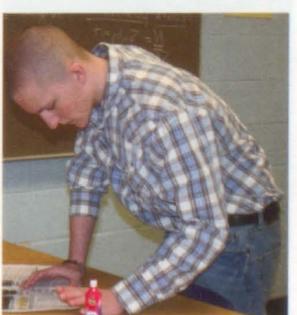


"My favorite part of newspaper was that even though it was stressful at times, we always had a lot of fun. Working together brought us all really close and brought us some unforgettable memories," said freshman Kelsie Chaney. Photo by B. Likens



Quill and Scroll Honor Society: Kimberly Peterson, Bianca Likens, Alyssa Matson, Adelaide Cobb

By Zachary Wright



"I loved being the editor of 'The Spirit' staff. This is by far my favorite class of the day," said sophomore Zachary Wright. Photo by B. Likens

Positive Attitude Backed by Purpose

Recognizing outstanding high school students that demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship was what National Honor Society aimed to do. Shawn Lane was the sponsor of NHS. Members had a chance to participate in an abundance of different volunteer opportunities. This included Court-

yard Cleanup, Family Fun Night at DeMotte Elementary School, and Bingo at Oak Grove. They also worked the concession stands during Little League games.

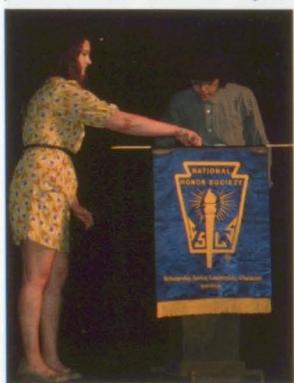
Highlights included finding a baby duck and bunnies during the spring Courtyard Cleanup. "My favorite was the duck, who was small and black with huge feet. We wanted to keep him as our club

mascot, but, unfortunately, he flew away," said senior Adelaide Cobb. Family Fun Night was also a hit for the members. They enjoyed working with children and watched them be enthusiastic about the prizes they won.

New members were inducted on March 15, at a ceremony where family members watched them pledge themselves into NHS.

1. Madison Babicka & Abbey Sittema, 10
2. Brett Walther, 12
3. Jay Fieldhouse, 11
4. Brittney Ferris, 12

Senior Jordyn Boomsma, along with many others, enjoyed playing Bingo at the Retirement Center. "The best part was definitely when we played games with the elders because they were so much fun to be around," explained Boomsma. Photo by A.



During the ceremony, inductees sign the master roster for National Honor Society. One of the many new sophomore members, Christopher Berns, said, "Being a part of NHS was such an honor. We do a lot of volunteer work, so I'm really glad I have a new way to serve my community." Photo by K. Peterson



Nathan Kingma, 12

During DeMotte Family Fun Night, members of NHS give face paintings and tattoos. "The best volunteer project for NHS was the family night because it



Senior Jessica Hoffman plays her part in helping the school look more environmentally friendly during Courtyard Cleanup. "I enjoyed making our school look great because we got to get down and dirty while making our school look like the gem it is," said Hoffman. Photo by M. Retzlaff



"It's such an exciting and honoring experience to be part of NHS. The cake after the ceremony was also a plus," said junior Taylor Nomanson. Photo by K. Peterson



"I enjoy being president. I know that NHS makes an impact and leading that impact is a great experience!" exclaimed senior Tyler Steinke. Photo by A. Cobb



Row 1: Justin Wicker, Taryn McDaniel, Secretary Courtney Marsh, President Tyler Steinke, Vice President Jessie Klemp, Treasurer Breanna Oakes, Morgan Bell, Stacey Heerema, Taylor Thompson, Brittney Young Row 2: Alice Santell, Kerrie Morenz, Nathan Kingma, Chelsea Fulkerson, Jessica Hoffman, Adelajde Cobb, Jordyn Boomsma, Abby Hamstra, Steven Scally, By Miranda Retzlaff

Felicity Way Row 3: Sophia Hufnagel, Alexis Tinkel, Rachel Scott, David Phillips, Elizabeth Masten, Brianna Niemiec, Maribeth Strong, Stephen Mezzacapo, Brianna Vanderhere, Brittney Ferris Row 4: Hannah McDaniel, Shelby Schoon, Casey Voigt, Jennifer Sobierajski, Jay Fieldhouse, Brent VanSoest, Jacob Smith, Ryan Beere, Kaylyn Banaszak



"The best part of Family Fun Night was helping the kids do spin art, because they all had huge smiles when they saw their finished pictures," said senior Jessie Klemp. Photo by T. Adams

A Genuine Princess is Exceedingly Rare

Laughter filled the auditorium as the queen (Rachel Scott) rudely and obnoxiously announced that the silent king (Steven Scally), who was chasing after another woman, was a "ghastly" man. If that didn't make you laugh, the prince's (Vincent Lynch) dilemma dealing with his love for the "moat swimmer", Princess Winfred (Ni-

cole Wisneski & Kiana Letica), would. *Once Upon a Mattress* was performed November 4, 5, 11, and 12.

A unique situation occurred during the casting of the production. For their first musical, freshman Letica and junior Wisneski shared the part of the princess. Wisneski performed opening and closing nights, while Letica performed the

nights in between.

Not only was the princess's part unique, but many other characters were given first time leads. Junior Vincent Lynch, senior Nathan Kingma, and freshman Cassandra Ooms were all given their first lead.

Senior Kara Ooms was given two parts. Ooms played in the pit, along with playing the Nightingale who sings the princess to sleep.

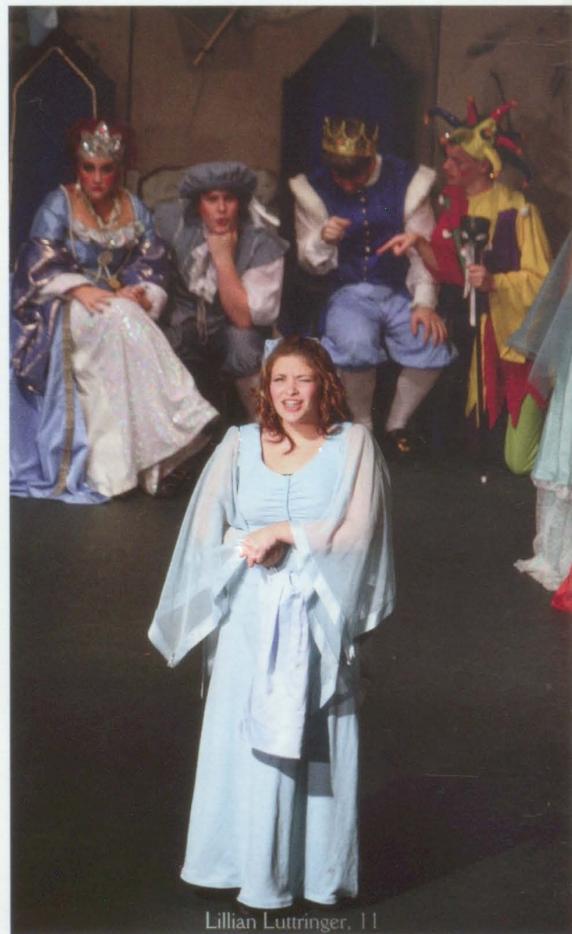


1. Cassandra Ooms, 9
2. Vincent Lynch, 11
3. Rachel Kerkes, 10
4. Nathan Kingma, 12

Seniors Steven Scally and Rachel Scott argue intensely as the king and queen. "I loved everything about my role as an overbearing, over the top, talkative, ridiculous queen. I had so much fun embodying my character and being overdramatic," explained Scott. Photo by K. Peterson



Thirteen card board "mattresses" were used to make the bed the princess slept on. During the performance, freshman Kiana Letica flopped around on the makeshift bed trying to get comfortable. Photo by K. Peterson



Lillian Luttringer, 11

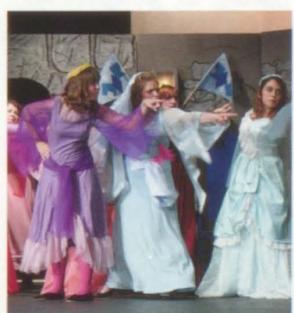
Playing the princess, junior Nicole Wisneski sings "I've Always Been Shy!" to the adoring prince, the disgusted queen, and the rest of the kingdom. The song took place after the princess swam the moat because she was anxious to meet the prince. Photo by K. Peterson



Sophomore Jordan Clark and junior Taylor Nomanson receive their first lead role as the dreamy couple Sir Harry and Lady Larkin. "My first lead role was a great experience, and I'm so happy I did it! It was so much fun, and I grew so much!" said Clark. Sir Harry and Lady Larkin created a wonderful romance on stage. *Photo by K. Peterson*



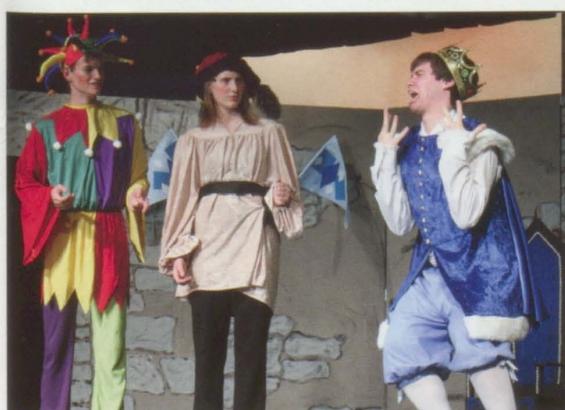
"Wearing the Jester's outfit was actually quite fun. I got to wear something ridiculous without being yelled at," said senior Nathan Kingma. *Photo by K. Peterson*



"Being a princess was fun, yet challenging," explained junior Lilian Luttringer. *Photo by K. Peterson*



"Singing and dancing was difficult at times, but overall it was an amazing experience. I can't wait for the spring play," explained sophomore Mirka Roman-Cotez. *Photo by K. Peterson*



One of the biggest challenges senior Steven Scally has to face is keeping quiet. "Anyone who knows me knows that I really enjoy talking. I tried to make up for my silence backstage," explained Scally. Scally's part as the king

had very few lines. Throughout the musical, Scally had to act out his words rather than speak them. Here he motioned what he wanted to say to senior Nathan Kingma and freshman Cassandra Ooms. *Photo by K. Peterson*

By Sarah Poe & Kimberly Peterson



Playin' On Your Heartstrings

Orchestra gave talented students a chance to explore their musical abilities. They participated in concerts and competitions where they performed a variety of songs, including *Fantasia on Greensleeves*, *Spartacus*, and *Charlie Brown Christmas*. "My favorite part of orchestra is the variety of music. We get to play so many differ-

ent pieces that have a lot of unique rhythmic styles, which makes playing wonderful," said junior Nina Maze.

In February, students traveled to Indianapolis to perform at the State Solo and Ensemble contest. Junior Alexis Tinkel received a silver on the cello. Receiving golds were sophomore Alyssa Lunsford on cello and junior Nina Maze on viola. They

also participated in the ISSMA competition on April 13 and 14. "The most beneficial part of being in orchestra is being able to better myself along with people of other ranks while having a great time," said sophomore Ashley Jarrette.

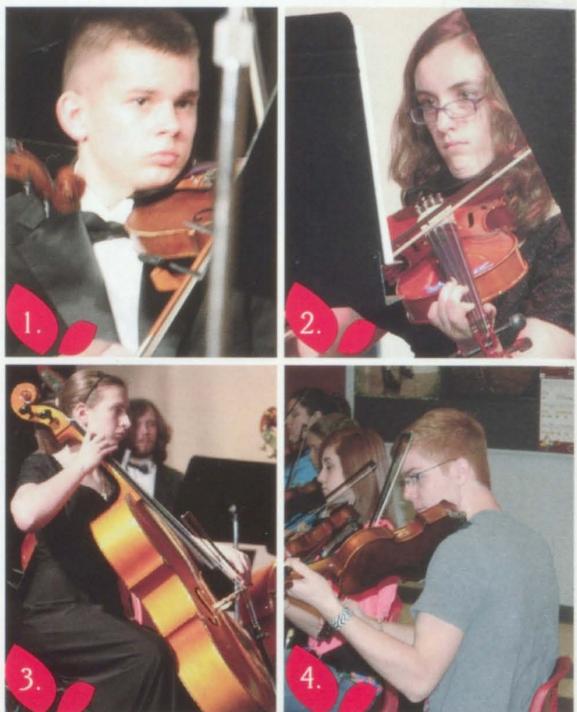
Aside from the usual direction from Mr. Ken Steidle, members were led by student teacher Kaitlyn Whinery.

1. Travis Seibt, 10
2. Kaitlyn Wrezinski, 9
3. Alexis Tinkel, 11
4. Tyler Lynch, 12

Warming up, sophomore Abbey Sittema and junior Taylor Nomanson prepare for an upcoming contest. "The hardest part of being in orchestra is forgetting about the outside world and focusing on the music," said Nomanson. *Photo by C. Abel*



After taking a bow for her performance, freshman Brittany Bartholomew gathers up her music sheets. Orchestra members were required to set up and take down their set, which included chairs and music stands. *Photo by C. Abel*



Alyssa Lunsford & Cynthia Atkinson, 10

Playing the violin, junior Morgan Mann and freshman Tara Beere prepare for their upcoming events. Students were required to put in extra practice time before performances. "The most stressful part of orchestra is knowing the music. You have to practice so much to make it sound good. It's a lot of work," said Mann. *Photo by C. Abel*



After performing her solo, senior Chelsea Fulkerson plays along with junior Jacob Cooper and the rest of the orchestra. "For me, one of the best parts of orchestra is having a creative outlet. It's nice to know that partway through the day I can just play my music and not have to worry about homework or anything else. Just being able to get lost in the music is one of the best things," said Fulkerson. Photo by C. Abel



"The best part about orchestra is the music. I love hearing how it all blends together to make an amazing sound. I love orchestra," said junior Bradley Ast. Photo by C. Abel



"Being the only one who plays piano and drums is pretty cool because I can switch to different instruments so I don't get bored," said sophomore Cari Knip. Photo by C. Abel



Row 1: Cari Knip, Nicole Cardaras, Alyssa Lunsford, Alexis Tinkel, Cynthia Atkinson, Kaitlyn Leach Row 2: Bradley Ast, Alice Santell, Nina Maze, Serena Ketchum, Kaitlyn Wrezinski, Jared Ast Row 3: Travis Seibt, Miranda Dodge, Tara Beere, Abbey Sittema, Chelsea

By Caitlin Abel



Fulkerson, Taylor Nomanson, Morgan Mann, Jacob Cooper Row 4: Lindsay Holley, Kayla Gustafon, Tyler Lynch, Tania Ortega, Katlyn Cooper, Ashley Jarrette, Jacob Stemer, Brittany Bartholomew, Sean Valois Row 5: Mr. Ken Steidle, Ms. Kaitlyn Whinery



"The best part of orchestra is getting to play challenging, but fun music on an instrument I love," said sophomore Justin Early. Photo by C. Abel

Making Healthy Choices

One pint of blood can save up to three lives; KV students saved approximately 28 lives with 85 pints of blood from approximately 90 donors. "A few people were unable to donate for various reasons. There were 100 people signed up, and we had to turn some away for lack of time. It was very successful," said SADD sponsor Mrs. Sue Kwiatkowski.

SADD officers were senior Taylor Isajewicz

(president), senior Nicole Luckey (vice president), and sophomore Hannah Klemp (secretary).

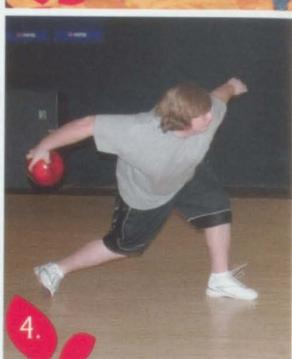
SADD ordered 'Never Again' bracelets in memory of Eric Sims and Taylor Cavinder. SADD also planned Post Prom, which was held at Inmans.

Environmental Club was led by Ms. Sarah Patterson. President was senior John Conley. Vice president was senior Taylor Isajewicz. Secretary was sophomore Christopher Berns, and treasurer was

senior Alice Santell.

The first outing that they had was ice skating at Deep River Water Park, where they were also treated to hot chocolate. In early January, the club went bowling at Hebron Lanes.

In spring, after being approved by Mr. Keeman Lobsiger and the school board, members started an organic vegetable garden in the center courtyard. All produce was donated to local food pantries.

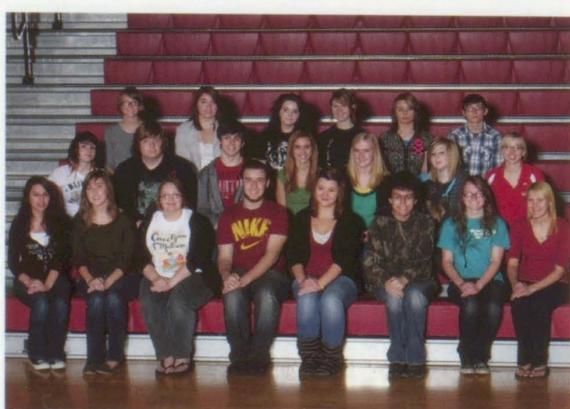


Demonstrating how to dig up a plant from its roots, Environmental Club sponsor Ms. Sarah Patterson shows sophomore Samantha Greathouse the proper techniques. Photo by C. Abel



Digging up the roots from a previous plant, junior Ioannis Petsalis makes room for the vegetable garden in the center courtyard. Members donated all grown produce to local food pantries. Photo by C. Abel

By Caitlin Abel & Bianca Likens



Ioannis Petsalis, 11, Christopher Berns, 10, & Laura Estrada, 11

Environmental Row 1 : Peggy Boufis, DesaDarea Hachlica, Alice Santell, John Conley, Taylor Isajewicz, Christopher Berns, Caitlin Abel, Kelsey Jefferson Row 2: Samantha Christenson, Ryan Postma, Io-

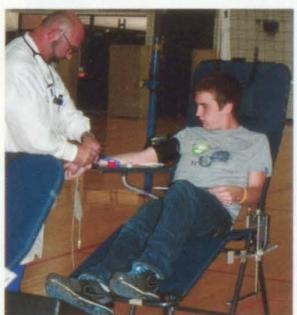
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First time donor, sophomore Rebecca Loslo, prepares to get her blood pressure taken before she donates a pint of blood. SADD hosted two blood drives during the school year. "I donated blood to help someone in need. It was my first time, and I was super nervous, but it didn't hurt. I would love to donate again!" exclaimed Loslo. Photo by C. Bailey



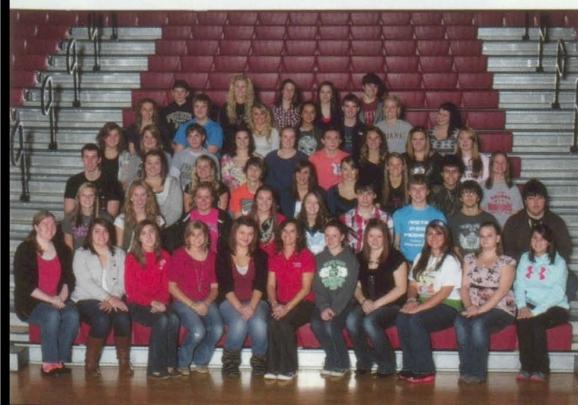
"I joined SADD because I wanted to try a new club my senior year. It was fun to be involved in an organization that valued the safety of the students," said Megan Bennett. Also Pictured: Peggy Bouffis, 12. Photo by C. Abel



"I decided to give blood because I had never done it before, and I enjoy trying new things!" exclaimed senior Austin Neeley. Photo by B. Likens



"My favorite part of ice skating was getting to spend time with my friends and attempting to ice skate," said senior DesaDarea Hachlica. Photo by C. Abel



SADD Row 1: Felicity Way, Megan Bennett, DesaDarea Hachlica, Hannah Klemp, Taylor Isajewicz, Mrs. Sue Kwiatkowski, Brittney Ferris, Alexius Rodriguez, Jordan Wright, Victoria Swinford, Bianca Likens Row 2: Courtney Hoffman, Stacey Herrema, Shelby Hickman, Jennifer Anderson, Breanna Oakes, Steven Scally, Dale DeHaan, John Cardaras, Scott Gesiakowski Row 3: Christopher Clark, Arianna Koppen, Tatiana Adams,

Ayden Blake, Morgan Cavinder, Leanna Mulloy, Gabrielle Martin, Christopher Berns, Michelle Kent Row 4: Cassie Curry, Ashley Baker, Bennett Rish, Jordan Rhoades, Abbey Hamstra, Justin Wicker, Alyssa Matson, Madison DeYoung, Maranda Brown Row 5: Brooke Sytsma, Vincent Lynch, Alyssa Tucker, Monica Di Dio, Blake Tuohy, Ashley Norberg, James Allen, Hannah Wilder, Morgan Overstreet, Corissa Abell, Ioannis Petsalis

Leaders Inspire Others to Branch Out

Under the guidance of the two new advisers Mr. Michael Lovely and Mrs. Polly Franklin, President Steven Scally and Vice President Sydney Robinson led Student Council to new heights.

The team introduced multiple events to their agenda: a Homcoming bonfire, Class Olympics, and a Holiday Hospital-

ity Committee which made hand-turkeys for the staff which said, 'We're thankful for you!'. They also handed out pencils and candy canes during finals week, sponsored Valentines for Veterans, and decorated for the school's 41st birthday.

Other events organized by the 52 members included Homecoming, Winterfest,

Dance Marathon, two Dodgeball Tournaments, and a food drive. Members also attended two IASC events: State Convention in the fall and Representative Assembly in the spring.

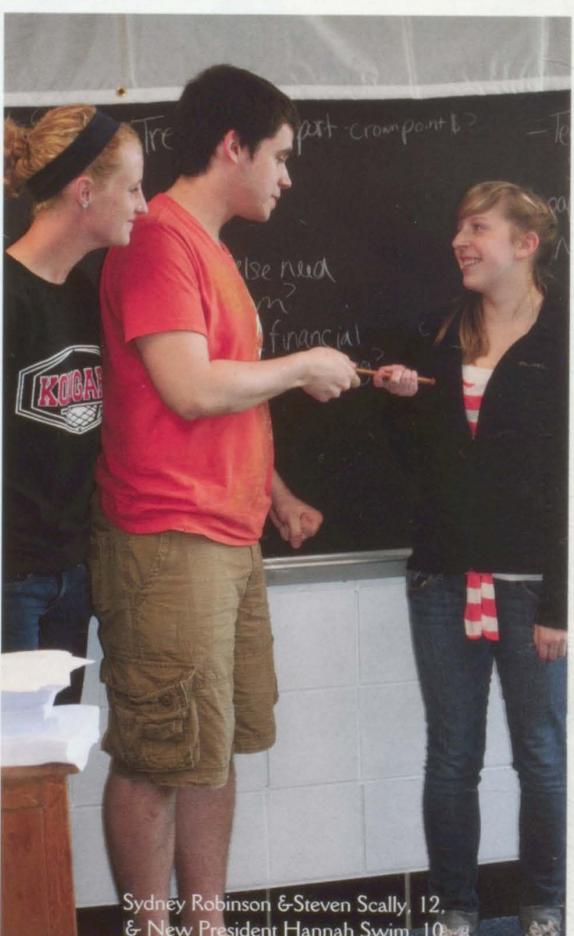
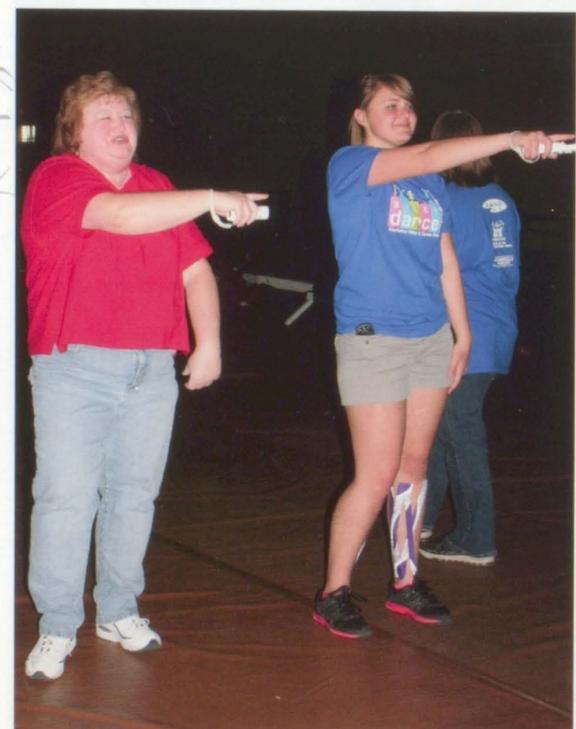
Officers included Tyler Steinke (sentinel), David Phillips (parliamentarian), Kimberly Peterson (historian), Hannah Swim (secretary) and Hannah Misch (treasurer).

1. Hannah Misch, 10
2. David Phillips, 12
3. Morgan Overstreet & Kelsie Chaney, 9
4. Alexxus Thomason, 11

Ms. Karan Howard and sophomore Rebecca Loslo play "Just Dance" during the KVCP Dance Marathon on April 27 at Crown Point. Both Councils raised a total of \$4,354.47 to donate to Riley's Children's Hospital. Photo by A. Cobb

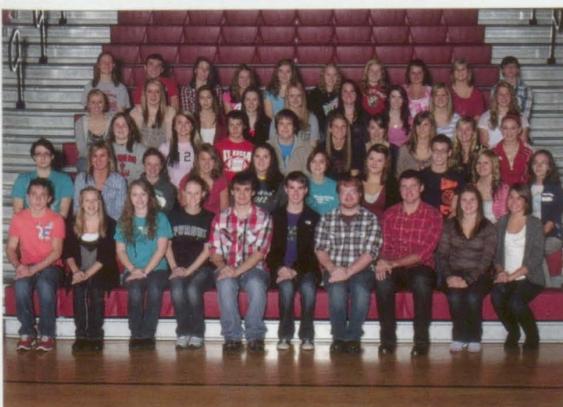


Before the December Dodgeball Tournament, senior Justin Wicker, chair, converses with adviser Mr. Lovely about the teams and the bracket. Sixteen teams participated in the Tournament. Photo by K. Peterson



Sydney Robinson & Steven Scally, 12, & New President Hannah Swim, 10

Posing for a picture, Stu Co. members, who attended the Fall IASC State Convention, stand in front of the Capitol building in Indianapolis. "My favorite part was getting to know each of my students. Going to State Convention, Rep Assembly, the Lock-in, and the many other countless hours we spent. It has truly been an honor to get to know each one of them," said adviser Mr. Michael Lovely. Photo by M. Lovely



Row 1: Justin Wicker, Hannah Swim, Kimberly Peterson, Sydney Robinson, Steven Scally, Blake Tuohy, David Phillips, Tyler Steinke, Morgan Bell, Jessie Klemp Row 2: Jamie Huddleston, Ashley Stahl, Brittney Ferris, Marie Magiera, Courtney Marsh, Adelaide Cobb, Taylor Isajewicz, Cody Jones, Rachel Krupa, Kaitlyn Wrezinski Row 3: Rebecca Piepenbrink, Sydney Pummea, Josh Hudspeth, Vincent Lynch,

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Gabrielle Martin, Leanna Mulloy, Madalyn Steinke, Tatiana Adams, Morgan Campbell Row 4: Megan Vanvelet, Bailey Richardson, Mia Forden, Corissa Abell, Kelsie Chaney, Mackenzie Misner, Shelby Schoon, Kristin Drenth, Madison Babicka Row 5: Michelle Kent, Bryce Gawronski, Morgan Overstreet, Tara Beere, Hanna Helton, Annelise Phillips, Hannah Misch, Katelyn Kammenga, Hannah Klemp, Jacob Shebesh

After Representative Assembly ends, Student Council members congregate in front of the statue outside of the Indianapolis Convention Center. During the Assembly, members voted as a council for a new district representative and IASC president. *Photo by M. Lovely*



"I was scared to join at first, because everyone was so loud, but Student Council has made me more outgoing," explained freshman Corissa Abell. *Photo by M. Lovely*



"In Student Council, I learned to take action and not be afraid to lead. Some events fail, some events succeed, but you don't know the outcome until you try," said senior Tyler Steinke. *Photo by M. Lovely*



"Everyone was so welcoming! It was a great experience, and I made so many memories that I'll never forget," commented junior Kristin Drenth. *Photo by M. Lovely*

An Eventful Year

What is there to do on a Thursday night, you ask? Dodgeball, Obstacle Courses, Kickball, and more! Throughout the year, Student Council was hard at work, putting on event after event to create fun opportunities for students.

One dodgeball tournament was held per semester, allowing anyone to play. "I was

so glad that we finally won our senior year, and it was awesome because I succeeded with my bros! Playing with my friends made it all the more memorable," exclaimed senior Ronald Gatlin.

Olympic games were hosted for class competition during the beginning of February. Events included Kickball, water sports such as Polo and Relays, an

obstacle course, and Spikedown. Spikedown was extended to all four classes.

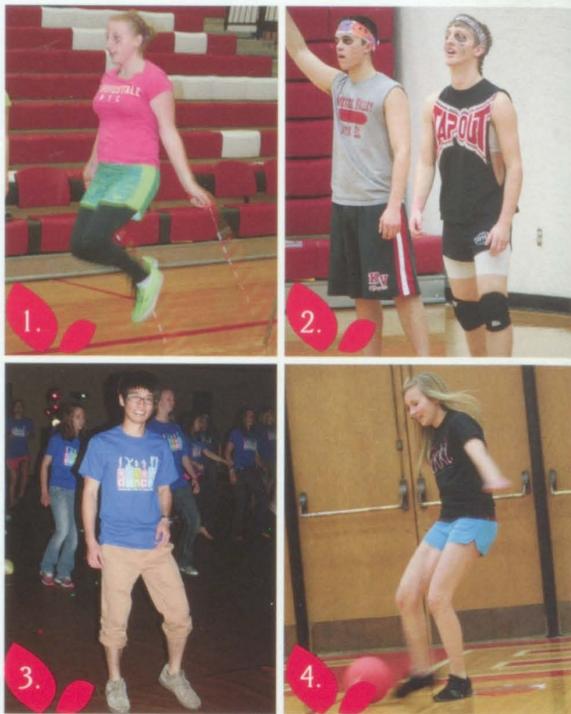
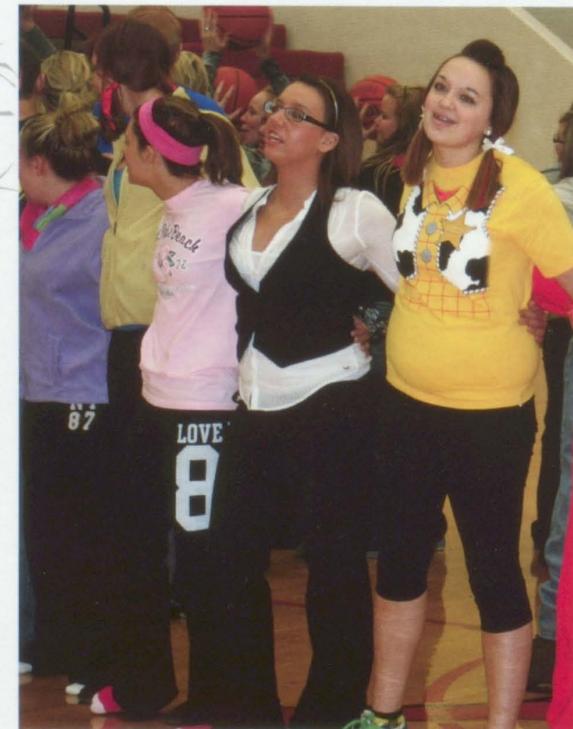
As a charitable and fun way to end the year, Dance Marathon was held at Crown Point High School. "Dance Marathon was so much fun! I loved that it was at Crown Point. It was such a great cause, and Basketball was my favorite part," said junior Vincent Lynch.

1. Annelise Phillips, 9
2. Jacob Weaver & Dillon Grace, 11
3. Zhicheng Xin, 12
4. Rikki Young, 9

Practicing for the Winterfest Pep Show, senior Jamie Philbrook and sophomore Morgan Campbell sing along to "We Are the Champions". Various school teams took part in the show. Photo by A. Matson



Freshman Matthew Burk runs toward first base after kicking the ball. Freshmen won their first Kickball game against the juniors during the Olympic Games. Photo by M. Retzlaff



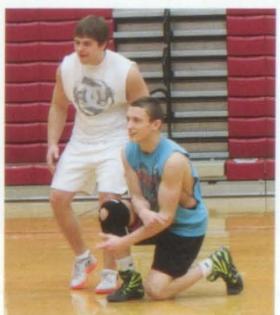
Melissa Stowers, 9

Posing for their picture, the Super Seniors Dodgeball Team celebrates their win over the Anabolic Destroyers. The five seniors, Ronald Gatlin, Joshua

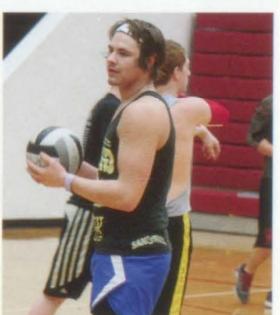
Monk, Zachary DeFries, Garrett Schneider, and Justin Wicker, fought a tough battle against various teams for their victory. Photo by K. Peterson



Sophomore Ryley Black, senior Jay Weaver, and junior Vincent Lynch enjoy a game of cornhole during the KVCP Dance Marathon. Three cornhole games were set up in the field-house, along with a section for basketball. Photo by A. Cobb



"Playing kickball with all of my friends was a great time. Having the Olympic games was new and exciting. Even though we lost, it was still worth it," said junior Jacob Swartz. Photo by B. Likens



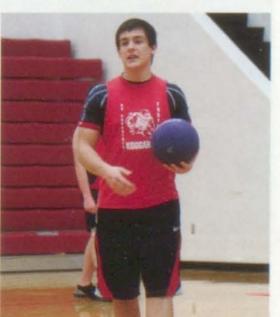
"I played Spikedown because I like to be involved. High School is no fun if you don't get involved. I loved every minute of it," commented senior Collin Andrisko.



Junior Michael Smith crawls underneath the plastic cafeteria chairs as the final part of the Obstacle Course. This event was held in the gym, and other obstacles included

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hula hooping, jump roping, and a relay race in which students had to run through cones holding an egg on a spoon. Photo by M. Retzlaff



"Dodgeball was a very exciting event. It was fun cooperating with my team to try and advance to the finals," said sophomore Michael Roth. Photo by B. Likens

A Night in Paris

Dance team held their second annual Valentine's Day Dance on the night of February 18.

As couples walked through the cafeteria doors, the beautifully decorated room made them feel like they were in the romantic country of France.

"Planning the dance was very stressful, but it was well worth it because the dance was

profitable and fun!" exclaimed junior Lillian Luttringer.

Students danced all night with music provided by the Heartbreakers, which included colorful lights and a projector screen that showed music videos and live footage of the dancers. "I really enjoyed the dance a lot! The Dance team really out did themselves with the decora-

tions and the setup of the atmosphere," said senior Traci Baker.

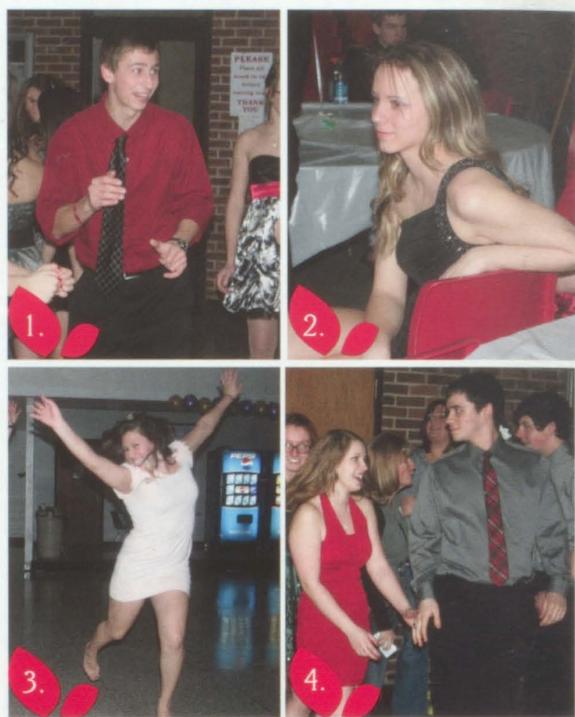
After they announced the winners, the excited couples got a special dance. Winners were seniors Amanda Ferrell and Alec Gunter, juniors Shelby Schoon and John Morrison, sophomores Megan Kinney and Devin Uylaki, and freshmen Madeline Klauer and Eric Philbrook.

1. Jacob Stemer, 9
2. Brooke Sytsma, 10
3. Kayla Chasinghorse, 11
4. Kimberly Peterson & Steven Scally, 12

Showing off his skills, freshman Triston Schmitt busts a move. "Dancing is just something fun for me to do, and I love to see peoples' reactions when they watch me dance," said Schmitt. Photo by A. Cobb



Freshmen Belanah Chavez and Serenity Roberts spend time together at the dance. "I had the best time at the Valentine's dance. Going with just friends was much more fun. Serenity and I had a blast! I cannot wait until the next dance," commented Chavez. Photo by A. Cobb



Cutest Couple Megan Kinney & Devin Uylaki, 10

Taking a break from dancing, freshmen Morgan Overstreet, Abigail Phillips, Tara Beere, and Katherine Woolever head for the lounge area. "My favorite part of the dance was

all the energetic music and dancing with my friends. I enjoyed how when we got tired, we could go rest and buy things to drink," said Overstreet. Photo by A. Cobb



Dancing with each other, friends sophomore Ashley Baker, senior Cynthia Brubaker, and junior Jay Weaver spend the night having a good time. "The best part of the dance was when they played, *I'm Elmo and I know It*," said Weaver. Photo by A. Cobb



"After Eric and I won the cutest couple contest for the freshman class, we had our very own dance, and I'll never forget that moment," said Madeline Klauer. Photo by A. Cobb



"Winning was very unexpected, but we were so excited because there were so many other cute couples. It's a great way for us to remember our senior year together," said Amanda Ferrell. Photo by A. Cobb



"I had a really great time at the dance. I was so surprised when Johnny and I won cutest junior couple. We had some tough competition," said junior Shelby Schoon. Photo by A. Cobb



Anxiously waiting for the dance to start, sophomore Asslie Clemente and senior Lucas Benzce chat with junior William Misch. "What was my

favorite part of the dance? I enjoyed the whole dance. I had a beautiful night with a beautiful date," said Benzce. Photo by A. Cobb

By Miranda Retzlaff



Let the Games Begin...

Starting off the second semester in a fun and exciting way was what Student Council aimed for with the Olympic Winterfest which started on January 17.

It began with new dress up days. Monday was class color day, which was based off the Olympic colors. Wednesday was Ugly Sweater Day, followed by Dress Your Age Day. Friday was Red Day. "I loved dress your age day because

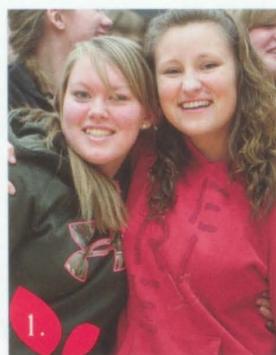
I enjoyed dressing like my grandmother," said senior Faith McDaniel.

Mrs. Jill Steiner and Mr. Jeff Martin planned a brand new Pep Session with more students involved. "We thought that the opening ceremony would be the highlight of the week," commented Steiner. A garage band featuring seniors Lucas Benzce and Kara Ooms who sang "We Are the Champions", while the orchestra and band

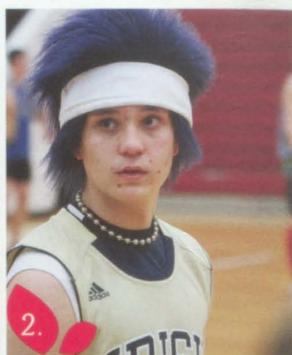
played along with them. All winter sports and the dance team performed in the spotlight in the blacked out gymnasium.

Another part of Winterfest was the Olympic Games. Students had a chance to participate in Kickball, Spikedown, Water Polo, and an Obstacle Course.

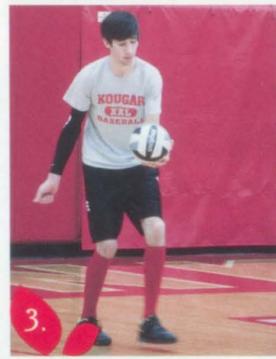
During Closing Ceremonies, sophomores' hard work paid off when they received the Spirit Flake.



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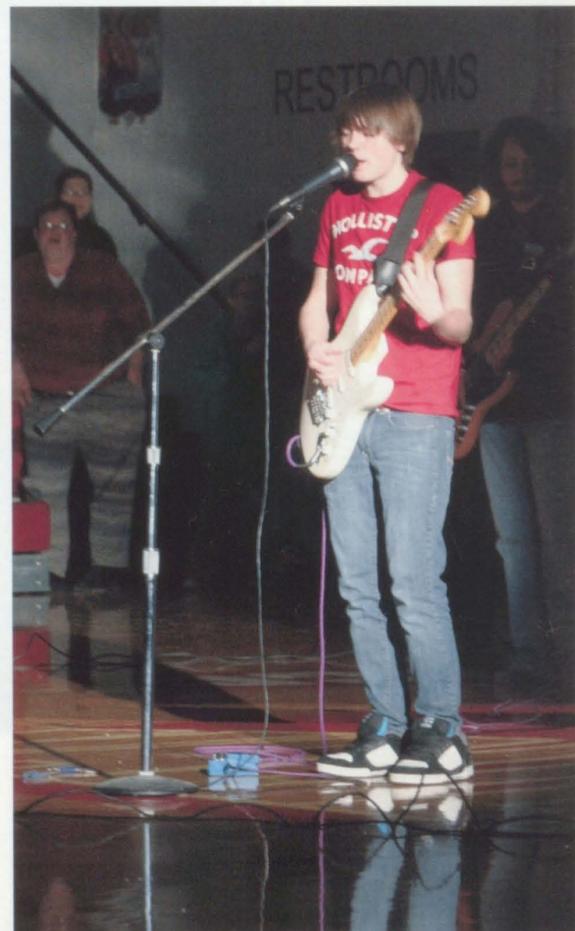
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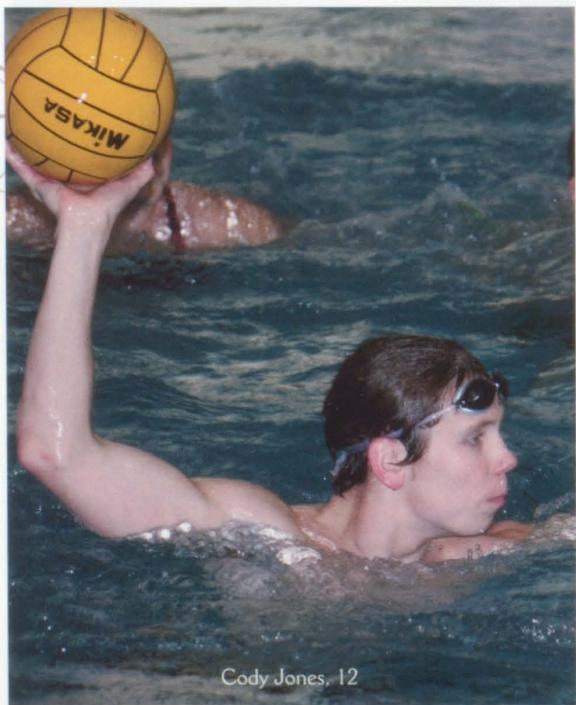
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Playing lead guitar during the Pep Session, senior Lucas Benzce entertains the entire school. "Performing for people is my dream. Therefore, I absolutely loved playing at the Pep Session, and I would do it over and over again if I could," said Benzce. Photo by A. Matson



Excited to help a national cause, junior Taurie Piatt participates in the annual Penny Wars. Overall, Student Council donated \$1000 to Special Olympics. Photo by M. Retzlaff



Cody Jones, 12





Bowing down to receive the laurel wreath of victory from Principal Keeman Lobsiger, senior Maxwell Klingaman is honored to be named Winterfest King. "I was shocked, honored, and blessed," added Klingaman.

Photo by T. Kingma



"At first I was a little nervous because it was my first time life guarding, but I actually had a lot of fun and got some much needed experience," added sophomore Tatiana Adams.

Photo by M. Retzlaff



"I think Winterfest went really great. Student Council got many new people involved, and it felt really successful. It was super stressful, but so worth it," explained senior Sydney Robinson.

Photo by M. Retzlaff



Winterfest Court: Freshmen Jake Forden and Hanna Helton, juniors Tyler Birk and Brianna Niemiec, seniors Ronald Gatlin and Angela DeFries, Dayton Dellahan

and Maxwell Klingaman. Jessie Klemp and Garrett Schneider, Jessica Nichols and Ryan Hale, and sophomores Briar Smith and Alyssa Cox.

Photo by T. Kingma

By Miranda Retzlaff



"All of the Olympic Games everybody participated in was my favorite part of Winterfest. I also thought it was awesome that my fellow friends voted me onto the court," said junior Tyler Birk.

Photo by A. Matson

Branching out to Publish Memories

One hundred and eighty days, 19 staff members, two editors, one adviser, five deadlines, three cameras, and five computers were needed to finish the book. Stress was not a foreign word to the Pride staffers. "If you looked up yearbook in the dictionary, the definition would be stress. If you're not stressed, then you're not doing your job, but at the same time you've got to love it," said

junior Alyssa Matson.

Continuing the tradition set the previous year, yearbook put out its second all-color book. To raise funds to pay for this, staffers sold Little Ceaser pizza kits, nuts and candies, Valentine's Day carnations, jewelry, and Halloween Dress-Up Day stickers.

Under the leadership of senior co-editors Kimberly Peterson, Bianca Likens, and adviser Kathy McKinney, staff worked hard on a book themed

Branching Out to Be. Staffers also earned a rating of "Excellent" by the state, which was the second best rating a yearbook could receive. This rating also put the book in the running for the Hoosier Star Award.

At the State Convention in October, senior Kimberly Peterson won first place in the Student Life Spread on-site competition and senior Adelaide Cobb won first place in the Infographic Design competition.

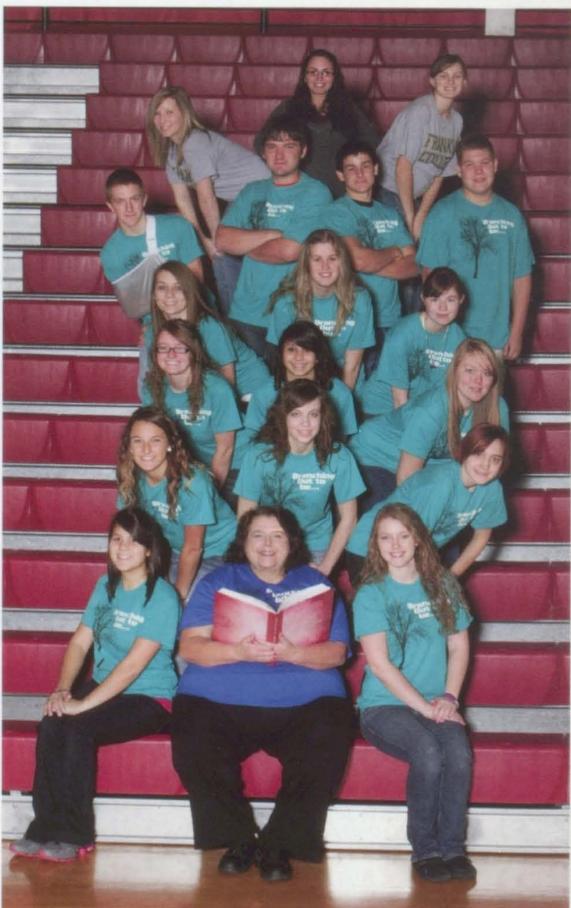
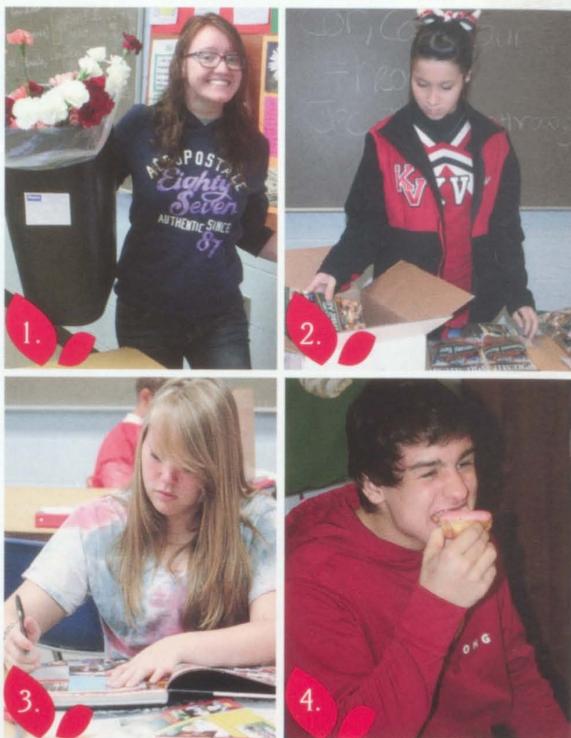
1. Caitlin Abel, 12
2. Belanah Chavez, 9
3. Maranda Brown, 11
4. Michael Roth, 10

Carrying 51 flowers, junior Shelby Hurst and senior Kimberly Peterson are on their way to deliver carnations to Mrs. Price's third hour class. The staff divided into five teams to deliver the flowers. Photo by B. Likens



Senior Adelaide Cobb organizes quote sheets into piles according to which staffer they go to. Quotes had to be used in copy and captions. Photo by B. Likens

On Halloween Dress-Up Day, staffers enjoy a Halloween ice cream cake. "The cake was so much fun. Nobody would let us use a knife, and we couldn't get it cut so we all just dug in. It was incredibly messy and fun," said senior Caitlin Abel. Photo by K. Neff

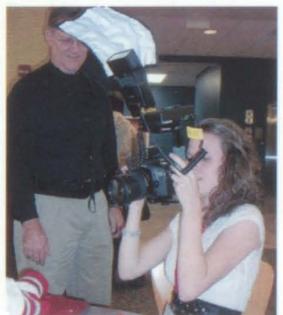


Row 1: Bianca Likens, Mrs. Kathy McKinney, Kimberly Peterson Row 2: Alyssa Matson, Sarah Poe, Adelaide Cobb Row 3: Caitlin Abel, Belanah Chavez, Maranda Brown

Row 4: Miranda Retzlaff, Ashley Warren, Caitlyn Wallace Row 5: Zachary Wright, Kyle Neff, Michael Roth, Tyler Pritt Row 6: Nicole Ketchem, Lyndsay Lopez, Shelby Hurst



Senior Bianca Likens, junior Alyssa Matson, and freshman Tyler Pitt compete in Twister during the February 17 party for Journalism Week. "It's been a great experience. I've worked so hard to become editor. I believe that Kimi and I work as an awesome pair, and I'm glad we were co-editors together!" said Likens. Photo by K. Peterson



"Yearbook was crazily annoying. The worst and best part of my day, an accomplishment; it made me wanna rip my eyes out, laugh until I cry, but it was completely wonderful at the same time. It was a love/hate relationship," explained senior Sarah Poe. Photo by B. Likens



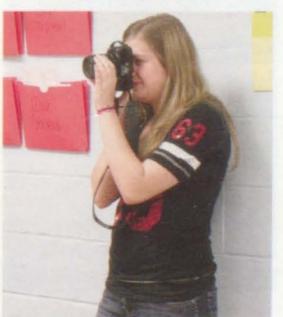
"Getting the Outstanding New Staffer award was such an accomplishment to me. It felt nice to be rewarded for all of my work," expressed junior Mirananda Retzlaff. Photo by B. Likens



With the March deadline approaching, seniors Kimberly Peterson, Bianca Likens, and Caitlin Abel look over spreads during a picture mini-deadline. Section editors, along with

head editors, did this periodically to get a feel for how the spreads flowed together. It was also a good way to check for repeatedly pictured people. Photo by A. Matson

By Kimberly Peterson



"It's stressful from the moment you walk in to the day you leave, but all the parties and inside jokes make it memorable," explained sophomore Ashley Warren. Photo by K. Peterson

Encouraging Others

Spnsored by Partners for Drug Free Jasper County, Pioneerz teens were role models who worked hard to make the school safer and drug free.

In the fall, club members went on a field trip to Camp Cary in Lafayette where they learned how to deal with bad situations. "Pioneerz has taught me how to act as a leader and solve conflicts," said sophomore Joli Jungels.

At the end of the year, the club had a pizza party where seniors Justin Wicker, Cody Jones, and Trevor Overstreet received pins. Wicker was also awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Another role model club was Youth Alive, a club in which members discussed how to help those in need. Youth Alive sponsored a hat day for Crohn's Disease, and all proceeds went toward finding a cure for the disease.

They also sponsored Ribbons for Amanda Knight, raising \$1,200. Contributing to this fund was junior Jordan Kroll, who knitted hats and donated the money to Knight. In addition to Knight, Kroll had supported cancer research since 7th grade.

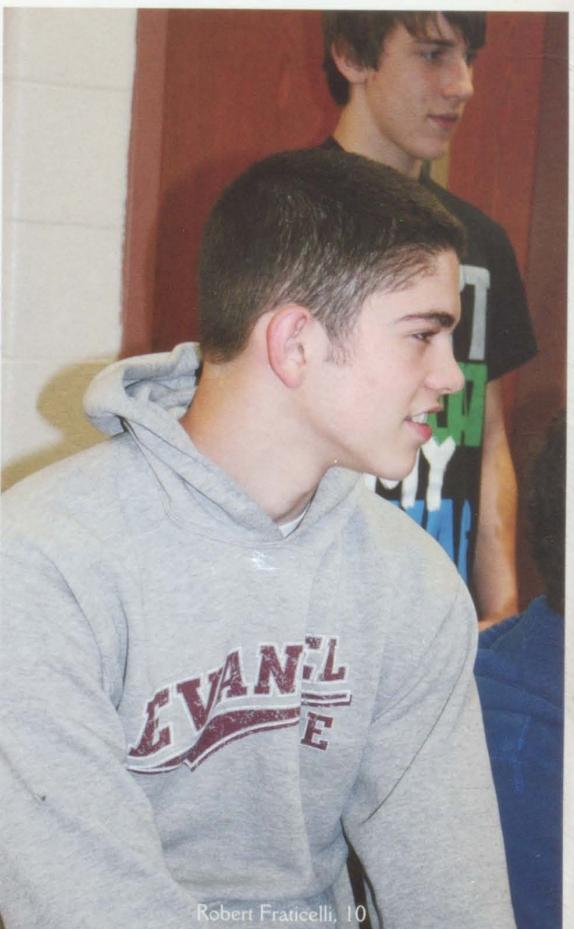
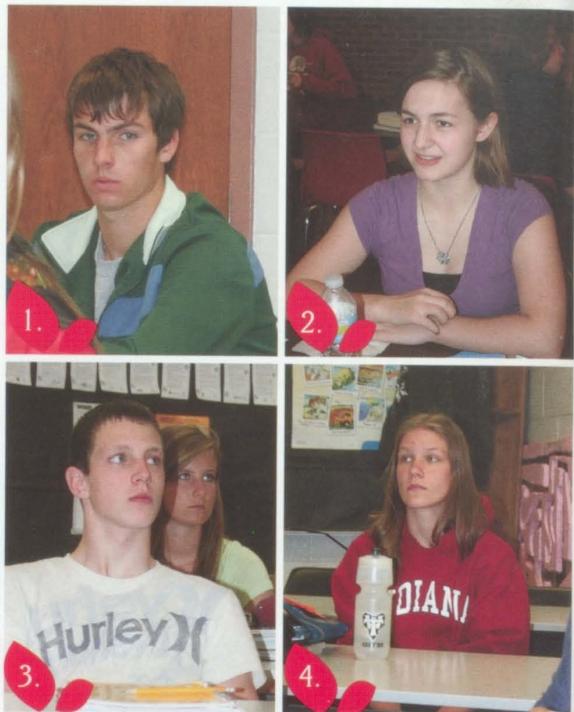
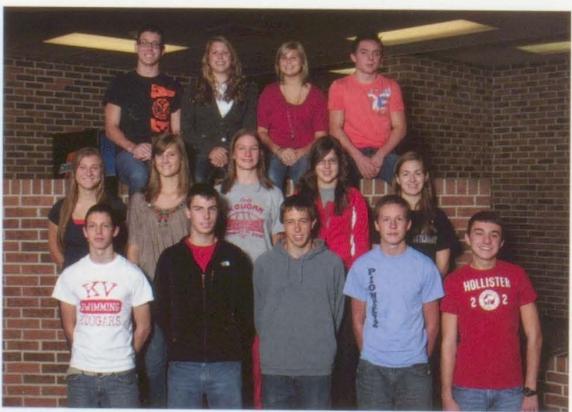
"I enjoy making hats and giving children hope. I've donated \$500 this year, and around \$1,000 total to St. Anthony's Cancer ward," said Kroll.

1. Trevor Overstreet, 12
2. Amy Gunter, 10
3. Trevor Shelhart, 11, & Madalyn Steinke, 10
4. Michelle Kent, 9

Sophomore Madison Babicka listens intently to a fellow Pioneerz member, who pitches an idea. The club brainstormed ideas to promote student safety. Photo by C. Wallace



Sitting quietly, junior Jennifer Sobierajski listens to the topic of alcohol awareness during a Pioneerz meeting. They discussed the importance of not drinking and driving during the weekend. Photo by C. Wallace



Robert Fraticelli, 10

Pioneerz Row 1: Trevor Shelhart, Trevor Overstreet, Brandon Hazlett, Briar Smith, Bryce Gawronski Row 2: Jennifer Sobierajski, Madalyn Steinke, Mi-

chelle Kent, Joli Jungels, Amy Gunter Row 3: Cody Jones, Madison Babicka, Hannah Klem, Justin Wicker



Youth Alive: Row 1: Shelby Hickman, Tyler Steinke, Jennifer Anderson, Dale DeHaan, Hannah McDaniel, Casey Voigt, Grace Huddleston, Nicholas Tiemens, Taylor Isajewicz, Peggy Boufis Row 2: DesaDarea Hachlca, Megan

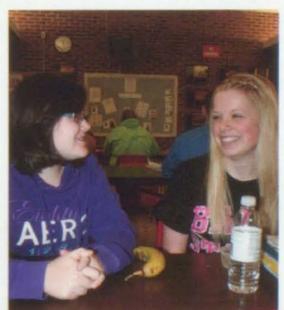
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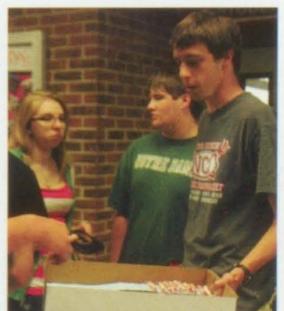
"Don't drink and drive" is the advice attached to Smarties at the Pre-Prom convocation. Sophomores Hannah Klemp and Briar Smith promoted the safe weekend sponsored by Pioneerz. Photo by B. Likens



"Youth Alive starts with an idea, and to see it follow through is just so exciting. Knowing that these projects help others is rewarding," commented sophomore Grace Huddleston. Also pictured: Hannah McDaniel, 11, Jordan Clark, 10, Amanda Knight, and Casey Voigt, 11.



"I joined Youth Alive to help our society as much as possible," commented sophomore Genna Truelock. Also pictured: Jessica Tiemens, 10



"My favorite part of being in Pioneerz is the rewarding feeling of being drug and alcohol free," said junior Brandon Hazzlett. Also pictured: Samantha Greathouse, 10, & Jacan Geeve, 11. Photo by B. Likens

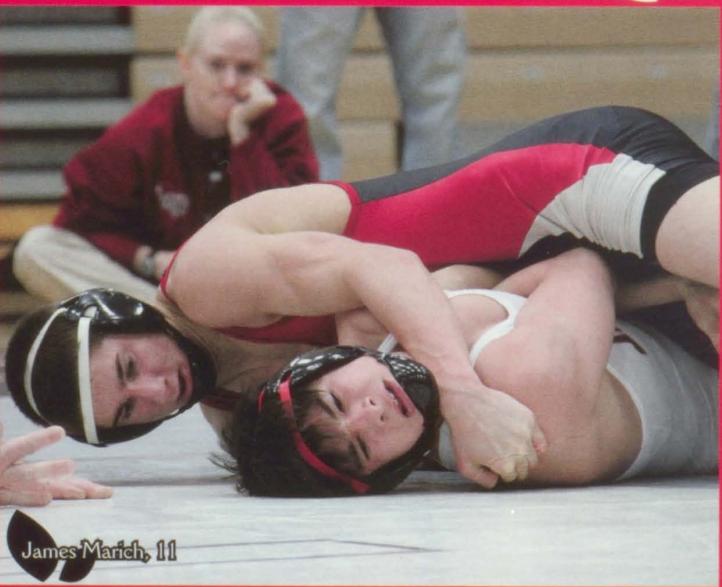
Senior Brett Walther drives to the hoop for two points against his Munster opponent. Walther was chosen to play in the All-Star game along with junior Dustin Ketelaar. *Photo by A. Matson*



iSports



Dayton Dellahan, 12



James Marich, 11



Jeffrey Hershman, 12, Tyler Niehoff, 10, & Jay Fieldhouse, 11



Michelle Kent, 9



Madison Babicka, 10

- Football came through with a **Homecoming victory** against North Judson in double overtime.
- Girls' Cross Country won the **NCC Title**, while Boys' Cross Country won **Sectionals**.
- Girls' Soccer team captured the **NCC Title** with Hannah Wilder scoring 29 goals and 9 assists during her sophomore season.
- Varsity Volleyball held a "Dig Pink" game in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- Placing **Top Ten** in the state on a 46-1 overall record combined in two seasons, sophomore Luke Sanderson won **Sectionals**.
- Fall/Winter Cheer sent three seniors, Taylor Freckleton, Tasha Jones, and Jessica Nichols, to **Disney World** "To earn a spot at Disney. We had to make 'All-American' at summer camp, and we were able to participate in the **Christmas Extravaganza Parade**," said Freckleton.
- Wrestlers advanced senior Kyle Dalka and juniors James Marich and Matthew Berdine to **Semi-State** in Merrillville.
- Sophomore Madison Babicka **broke** Breanne Cheverette's 50 meter free-style record, and also received Second Team All-Conference for the relay team. With the old record set in **1998**, junior Frank Lapota now holds a record in the 100 breaststroke with a time of **1:04.53** beating it by **0:01.01** seconds.



Varsity Volleyball Team



Tatiana Adams, 10



Decked out in her purple golf shoes to match her purple grip, Regional qualifier freshman Tara Beere swings her driver back and high in order to drive the ball down the fairway. "The thing I liked most about golf was always being challenged to do better than I had done previously," said Beere. Photo by K. Peterson

“Zero Individuals One Team”

With the help of new Head Coach Brad Stewart, Cougar players were determined to improve their record.

In June, Wheatfield had a straight line wind storm that knocked down trees and the score board, which costed \$20,000 to have replaced.

Despite having had the smallest team and only one senior, Timothy Hillers, Cougars came together as one to pull out their first win in over time 22-19 against conference rival Hobart. “It was

unbelievable! Everyone was going crazy. It was a great feeling, especially to get our first win of the season,” said junior Quarterback Joel Bolen.

After beating the Brickies, Cougars were ready to pull out their second win on Homecoming night. “I was really nervous, but I believed we could beat them. The team we had went all out with heart and determination,” commented freshman Johnny Williams. They beat the Blue Jays in double overtime 33-27. “We obviously had only one

thing on our minds, a big win, which is what we got with that amazing performance from our star quarterback Joel Bolen,” said junior Tyler Birk.

Varsity Team Captain Awards: Timothy Hillers, Matthew Berdine, Joel Bolen. Most Valuable Defensive back: Timothy Hillers. Most Valuable Linebacker: John Williams. Most Valuable Defensive Lineman: John Morrison. Most Valuable Offensive Lineman: Matthew Berdine. Most Valuable Running Back: Joel Bolen. Most Valuable Wide

Receiver: Matthew Myers. Most Improved Player: Robert Aguilion. Scout Team Player of the Year: Michael Roth. Varsity Scott Patrick Memorial Award: Timothy Schoonveld. Junior Varsity Scott Patrick Memorial Award: Dakota Albanese. Freshman Scott Patrick Memorial Award: Joshua Smith. Leadership Award: Joel Bolen. Most Valuable Player Award: Timothy Hillers.

Junior Joel Bolen and senior Timothy Hillers both finished the season with a first team all conference title.

Row 1: Dakota Albanese, Michael Drinski, Timothy Hillers, Jerzy Dunlap, Johnathon Pruchnic Row 2: Brendt Mitchell, Henry Shelby, Alex Berdine, Nathaniel Smith, Michael Roth, Josh Taylor, Jonathan Driscoll, Grady Garland, Matthew Berdine, Matthew Myers, Andrew Ervin, Devin Uylaki, Zachary Randall, Austin Brewster, Lonzell Pettit Row 4: John Williams, Kelsey Jones, Robert Aguilion, James Freund, Dylan Grace, Dylan Eckenrod, Justin Dejong Row 5: John Morrison, Keegan Higgins, Joel Bolen, Darrell Holme, Tyler Birk, Mark Lukacek, Joseph Blackwell, Jacob Vujko Row 6: As’t Coach John Gray, Ass’t Coach Bob Wragg, Christin Dahn (Mgr), As’t Coach Kevin Dermody, Coach Brad Stewart

During the Homecoming Game, senior Timothy Hillers heads towards the endzone after a ten yard reception. “My favorite moment of my last Homecoming Game was when all of the fans rushed onto the field when we WON!” exclaimed Hillers. Photo by T. Sparks

Keegan Higgins, sophomore, turns up field to gain positive yards. “Becoming game captain of the week for Sectionals was a huge accomplishment for me,” explained Higgins. Photo by T. Sparks



Varsity Scoreboard

KV 7 Rensselaer 14
KV 12 Wheeler 35
KV 14 Lowell 36
KV 22 Hobart 19 OT
KV 7 Griffith 55
KV 33 North Judson 27 OT

KV 0 Andrean 46
KV 13 Highland 30
KV 0 Munster 21
KV 14 South Bend
Washington 40



Leading Northwest Indiana in kick return yards was Mark Lukacek’s biggest accomplishment. “It is an amazing feeling when I can look at the stats in the paper and see my name at the top,” explained junior Mark Lukacek. Photo by A. Matson





Tyler Birk, 11



Varsity Football Team



1. Cheer Section
2. Joel Bolen, 11
3. Dylan Eckenrod, 10
4. John Williams, 9

"I did not play much due to my neck injury, but my biggest accomplishment was probably when I made six tackles in only one quarter against conference rival Lowell," said Jacob Vujko. Photo by T. Pritt



DeJong started on both offense and defense.

"This was a rebuilding season. It helped us realize who we were and what our style of play was. It also was a learning season that got us prepared for the upcoming season," said junior Justin DeJong. Photo by A. Matson



"Our ultimate goal is 0 Individuals, 1 team."

"Football players have a brotherhood. We are best friends on the field and have each other's backs. That's the reason we play with so much heart throughout the year," explained sophomore Timothy Schoonveld. Photo by A. Matson



Sophomore James Freund started Varsity on the offensive line.

"Our football season was easily the best I have experienced. I really liked how close together it brought us and how much we progressed as a team," said Freund. Photo by T. Sparks

By Michael Roth & Alyssa Matson

“Without the team, victories wouldn’t be a possibility.”

Starting off the season with the title of NCC Champions, girls XC team showed their stuff. “Winning Conference was a great experience for me, but I have to give all the credit to my teammates. Winning is a team effort, and without them, victories wouldn’t be a possibility,” said junior Rachel Krupa. With the boys following up on the success, they were announced Sectional Champs. “Winning Sec-

tionals was a great feeling. It really put a cap on a great four years with the team,” said senior Justin Wicker.

A team made up of mostly underclassmen, with one junior, the girls team came out on top finishing the season with a 73-40 record. Allison Rockley (10), finished in 4th place, taking the lead in Sectionals with Kaylin Orsburn (10), Brittany Stepp (10), and Michelle Kent (9) following behind to finish

in the top ten in the Sectional meet, but falling short one spot on winning Sectionals, finishing in Second place. Girls’ cross country team qualified for Regionals and Semi-State by one point.

With an overall record of 66-61, the boys XC team was able to come out with a Sectional victory. Sophomore Travis Conley, junior Brandon Hazlett, and senior Trevor Overstreet received individual Regional qualifying bids.

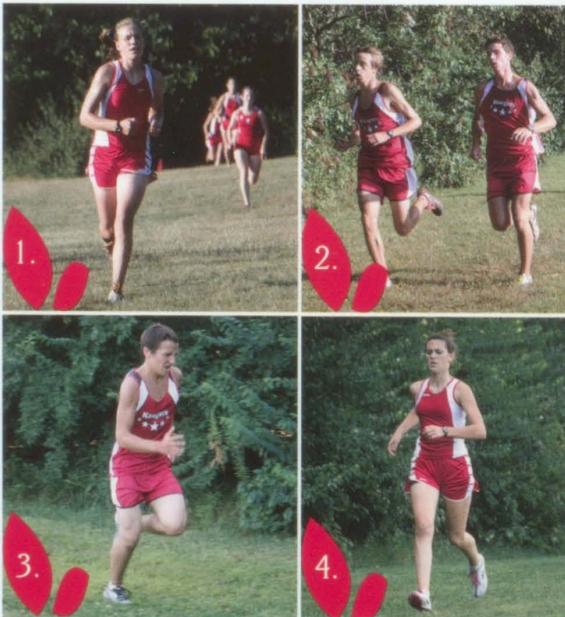
1. Michelle Kent, 9
2. Brandon Hazlett, 11
- & Trevor Overstreet, 12
3. Joshua Hudspeth, 11
4. Brittany Stepp, 10



“My favorite moment was winning Conference even though we weren’t supposed to. All of the girls worked hard, and it was nice to celebrate winning two back to back titles,” said sophomore Allison Rockley. Photo by A. Matson



Senior Stephen Mezzacapo finishes the race within the top 20. “We were Sectional champs my freshman year, and it was even better winning it again for my senior year!” said Mezzacapo. Photo by A. Matson



Boys Row 1: Jacob Stemper, Bryce Gawronski, Justin Wicker
Row 2: Brandon Martin, Travis Conley, Stephen Mezzacapo,

Andrew Keister, Joshua Hudspeth Row 3: Trevor Overstreet, Brandon Hazlett, Cody Jones, Coach Tim Adams



Girls Row 1: Kaylin Orsburn, Rachel Krupa, Allison Rockley, Kaitlin Lott Row 2: Michelle Kent, Brittany Stepp, Joli Jingles, Coach Tim Adams





"My most memorable moment in cross country was when we won Sectionals in Rensselaer, because the team means a lot to me and that I didn't want to let them down especially the seniors," said sophomore Travis Conley. Photo by A. Matson



Andrew Keister finished in 19th place with a time of 18:53 against their NCC rival, Highland. "My most memorable part of Cross Country was whenever we had a pasta party every Thursday. The whole team would always get together and just hang out. I will definitely miss these memories after high school," said Keister, senior. Photo by A. Matson



Junior Rachel Krupa was honored with the IUN Academic All-Star Award for her outstanding academics. Krupa's picture was put on a billboard on the crossing of route 30 and 165 to celebrate her. "Winning Academic All-Stars was such a great surprise! It's really awesome having my face on a billboard! It's such a wonderful honor!" said Krupa. Photo by A. Matson



Brandon Martin, freshman, will always remember getting his personal best of under 21 minutes and seeing the team go to Regionals. "I like the ability to do a real sport that has no substitutes, no halftimes, no time outs, just a straight run for fun. It's very easy if you're determined to run and do your best!" said Martin. Photo by A. Matson

Awards:

Girls: NCC Champions. & Brittany Stepp. Co-Most Improved: Kaitlin Lott & Joli Jungles. Academic Award: Rachel Krupa. Cougar Pride: Kaylin Orsburn.

Boys: Sectional Champions. First Team All-Conference: Travis Conley. Co-Captain Award: Trevor Overstreet & Justin Wicker. Most Points: Travis Conley. Rookie of the Year: Robert Svitek. Most Improved: Nick Tiemans.

Boys/Girls Scoreboard

Boys:
KV 19 Lowell 44
KV 23 Highland 35
5th place Lowell Invite
2nd New Prairie Invite
7th place Highland meet
1st place Sectional

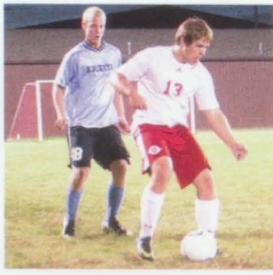
Girls:
KV 27 Lowell 30
KV 35 Highland 21
3rd Semi-State
2nd Sectional
1st Rensselaer Quad Invite
2nd place Highland meet

By Alyssa Matson

Going for the GOALD



"At practices, we would condition to build up our endurance and out run the other teams, and that is exactly what we did to win," said junior Cody Shindle. Shindle took the last corner shot that helped win the game. Photo by B. Likens



Looking for a teammate, junior Jacob Swartz contains the ball. "Pure love and drive when I get on the field is what motivates me to play the sport that I love. I enjoyed being able to play with my best friends," said Swartz. Photo by B. Likens



Varsity Row 1: Jacob Swartz, Samuel Cowser Row 2: Bianca Likens (Mgr.), Luis Cazares, Rhenz Almira, Jacob Allen, Dana Grimes (Mgr.) Row 3: Cody Shindle, Andrew Ribicki, Justin Eger, Jay Fieldhouse, Der-

ick Tesh, James Marich, Nikolas Zoppetti Row 4: Coach Thomas Dellahan, Gage Abbring, Jacob Smith, Tyler Niehoff, Garrett Butler, Jeffrey Hershman, Tyler Steinke, Collin Andrisko, Coach Jason VanderWoude

1. Ethan Shindle, 9
2. Bianca Likens, 12
- & Dana Grimes, 10 (Mgrs.)
3. James Stemer, 11
- & Michael Witvoet, 9
4. Collin Andrisko, 12

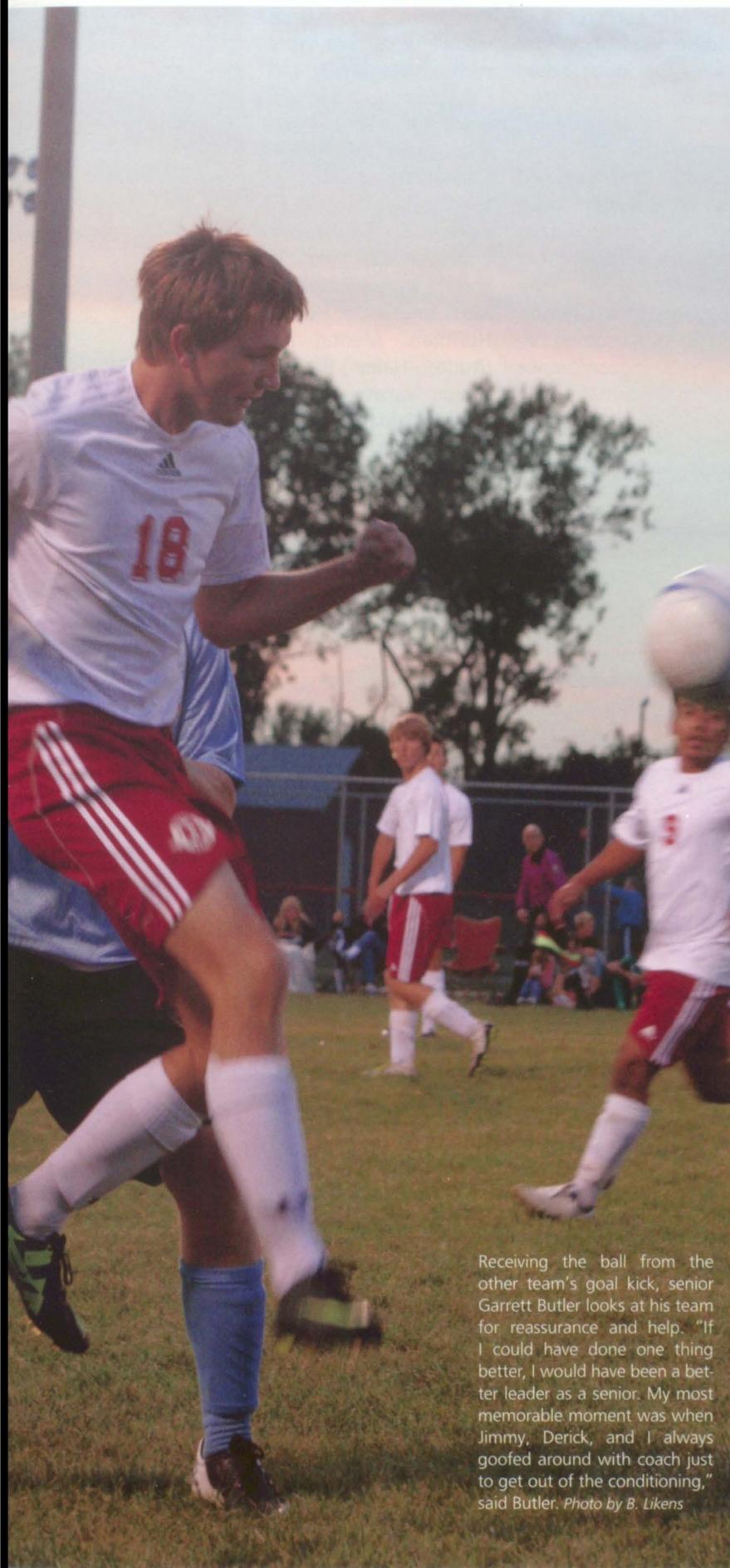


JV Row 1: Michael Witvoet Row 2: Bianca Likens (Mgr.), Logan Crim, William Misch, Cooper Smith, Dana Grimes (Mgr.) Row 3: Lucas Quillen, Mathew Peters, Michael Vega, Clay Williams, James Stemer,

Zoppetti was benched for six games due to a nasal cavity injury.

With only two minutes left in the game against Lowell Red Devils, Varsity boys won their last regular home game 6-4. "I will never forget the time when we scored the fifth goal to get us ahead of Lowell on Senior Night. At that moment, I knew we were going to win our last game!" exclaimed senior Jacob Allen.





The only position senior Samuel Cowser played the entire season is the Varsity Goal Keeper. As the keeper, he had two yellow cards. "The most difficult part of being the goal keeper was the communication I had with my fellow teammates," said Cowser. Photo by N. Ketchem



JV player, sophomore Jordan Likens started as a forward and was put back to defense. "My coaches, teammates, and managers, including my sister Bianca, is what made my season worthwhile, but it was also difficult, fun, and challenging. My main motivation to playing soccer was the adrenaline I got when we got aggressive." Photo by N. Ketchem



Rhenz Almira was one of the two freshmen on the varsity team. He also had playing time on Junior Varsity. "Being a freshman on the varsity team had me nervous at first, but I have never felt so excited before! My biggest accomplishment was when I made my first high school varsity goal!" exclaimed Almira. Photo by B. Likens

Awards:

Varsity: Captain Awards: Tyler Steinke and Garrett Butler. Most Valuable Player: Samuel Cowser. Most Valuable Defender: Tyler Steinke. Most Valuable Attacker: Luis Cazares. Mental Attitude: Cody Shindle.

JV: Co-Most Valuable Player: Tyler Montgomery and Cody Sytsma. Most Valuable Defender: Michael Vega. Most Valuable Attacker: Tyler Montgomery. Mental Attitude: Michael Witvoet.

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 6 Rensselaer 1	KV 1 Highland 9
KV 1 Valparaiso 2	KV 4 Morgan Township 4
KV 2 Boone Grove 2	KV 2 Griffith 4
KV 4 Wheeler 3	KV 2 Michigan City 3
KV 0 Munster 9	KV 0 Andrean 3
KV 2 Merrillville 2	KV 1 Covenant Christian 1
KV 6 Hobart 1	KV 6 Lowell 4
Plymouth Tournament 1st Place	

By Bianca Likens

Making History One Kick at a Time

From winning conference to team bonding, the girls soccer team was inseparable. They helped and encouraged each other through the ups and downs. "This was the first year I played soccer for the school. It felt like a family from the moment I started," said sophomore Morgan Campbell.

Practicing hard three-hour practices over the summer and every day they did not have a game paid off when

they won conference 6-0. Also, Hannah Wilder made the outstanding accomplishment of scoring 63 total points in one season.

Dayton Dellahan and Alyssa Vanderwall were the only two seniors the team celebrated on Senior Night. "The best part of last season of soccer was going undefeated in conference and making many new friends along the way," said senior Vanderwall. Dellahan commented in, "The thing I'm going to

miss most is how close we all were. We were such a close family and I don't think that I will ever find that in another team again."

Varsity Awards: Defensive Most Valuable Player: Jennifer Sobierajski. Offensive Most Valuable Player: Hannah Wilder. Most Improved: Hayley Hoffman. Mental Attitude: Haley Becker. Junior Varsity Awards: Most Valuable Player: Julie Becker, Most Improved Award: Morgan Campbell. Mental Atti-

1. Hannah Wilder, 10
2. Hayley Hoffman, 11
3. Alyssa Cox, 10
4. Alyssa VanderWall, 12



During the Regional game, Junior Rejean Almira passes the ball to an open teammate in hopes of scoring. "My favorite part of being on the team was making history in Conference with all of my best friends," said Almira. Photo by A. Matson



Dayton Dellahan, senior, steals the ball from the opponent. "My biggest accomplishment was probably improving overall in soccer and being able to play forward because making a goal is always a fun rush," said Dellahan. Photo by M. Retzlaff



Row 1: Dayton Dellahan, Alyssa VanderWall, Row 2: Kaitlyn Kammenga, Julie Becker, Rejean Almira, Haley Becker, Samantha Piepenbrink, Emily Ingram, Heather Jaki, Stephanie Davilla, Nicole Jaki, Row 3: Rikki Young, Stephanie Scally, Natalie Lotz, Hayley Hoffman, Madeline Klauer, Brianna Niemiec, Jessica Smundin,

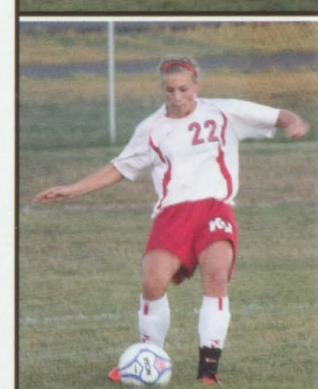
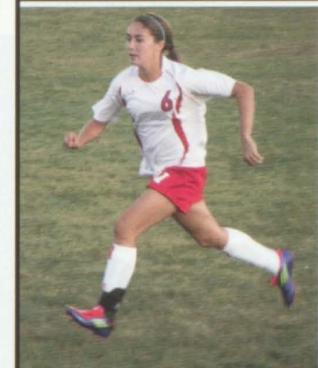
Hannah Klemp, Jennifer Sobierajski, and Morgan Campbell, Row 4: Coach John Hufnagel, Sophia Hufnagel, Madalyn Steinke, Hannah Wilder, Hailey Wenglarz, Cassandra Cleveland, Lauren VanderWall, Kara Gouwens, Kelsey Enenburg, Alyssa Cox, Mackenzie DeMars, Assistant Coach Mike Rence. Photo by T. Sparks



Natalie Lotz, 10



"My favorite part of the season was the Lowell game. The fields were all muddy and fun to play in. Winning that game was the reason for our conference score," said junior Haley Becker. Photo by M. Retzlaff



"My favorite thing about soccer is having the opportunity to hang out with my friends and play the sport I love at the same time," said junior Stephanie Scally. **Scally said their biggest accomplishment was being Conference champions, because they worked their hardest during practices and were happy to see that it paid off.** Photo by M. Retzlaff

"I love when everyone is pumped and excited for our games. It makes it more fun for us, and we play better with encouragement," said junior Brianna Niemiec. **Niemiec's biggest accomplishment was being a part of winning Conference, because it had never been accomplished by the Girls Soccer team before.** Photo by A. Matson

"My favorite thing about playing soccer would be playing on the field with my best friends," said junior Hayley Hoffman. **Hoffman's most important moment was winning Conference for the first time ever. She explained it as a great feeling that she wanted to relive over and over again.** Photo by A. Matson



When the girls lined up before the game, they all held hands for good luck. This also pumped up the crowd. "We held pinkies as a fun team ritual. It reminded all of us that your teammates were there for you. If you needed anything, we knew that someone would be helping us out," said junior Sophia Hufnagel. Photo by A. Matson

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 0 Valparaiso 5
KV 2 LaPorte 3
KV 3 Argos 1
KV 3 Munster 2
KV 10 Hobart 0
KV 7 Merrillville 2
KV 4 Highland 1
KV 4 Boone Grove 3

KV 0 Concord 1
KV 4 Griffith 2
KV 0 Chesterton 3
KV 6 Rensselaer 1
KV 2 Andrean 0
KV 2 Crown Point 5
KV 7 Lowell 1
KV 2 Wheeler 0
KV 4 Merrillville 0
KV 1 Crown Point 6

By Miranda Retzlaff

We be killin' em.

Blood sweat and tears was what the volleyball season consisted of this year. The girls started off the season early, beginning with kids camps, but also helping the team get back into the groove of things.

Having numerous girls try out for the season, coaches were able to offer all three teams. "It was nice having set teams. I felt like there was a lot less stress among the three teams," commented sophomore Madison DeYoung.

Leading the varsity team, seniors Hailey Ruesken, Tori Van Vuren, and Camille Webster came up with the idea to have a dig pink game. The dig pink game supported breast cancer awareness week. All of the players, coaches, and fans got into the spirit and wore pink for the game.

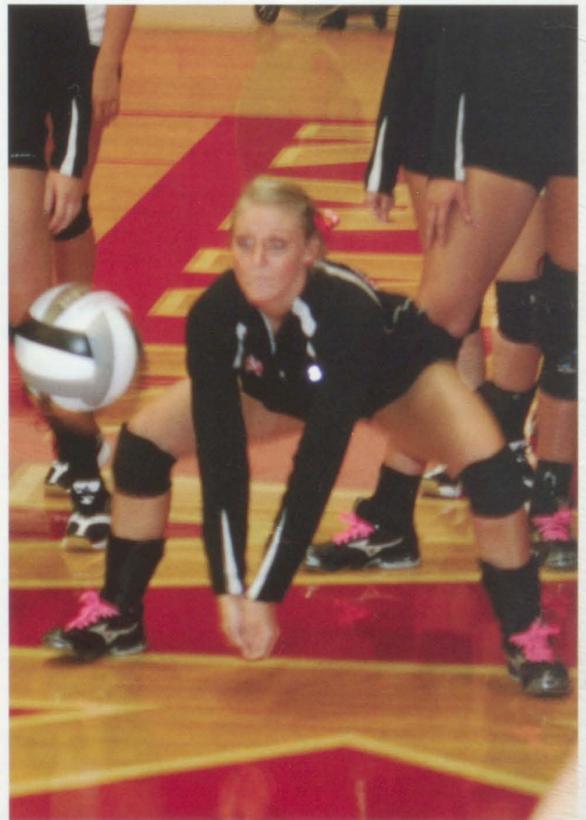
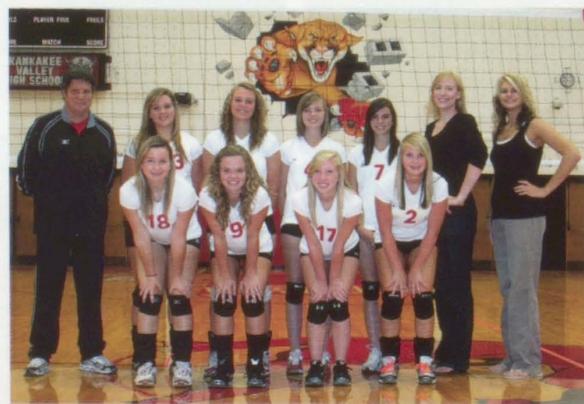
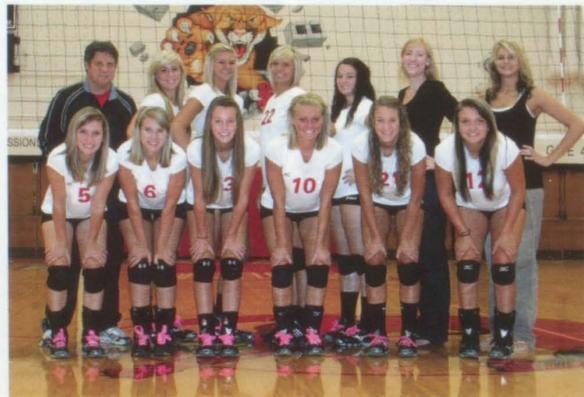
"The season was very interesting but also very fun. I really enjoyed playing and had a great senior year," said Hailey Ruesken.

Kougars smashed Calumet in three

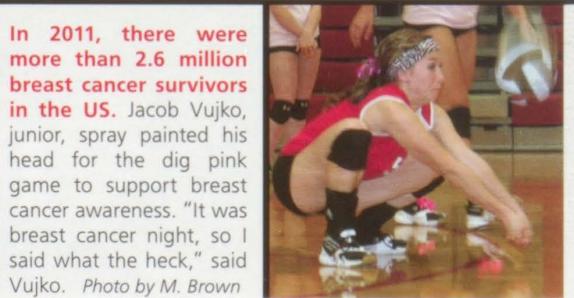
games which put them through to the next round of sectionals. They went on to loose a great game against the senior dominated Andrean 59ers. "The whole team played an awesome game, and I am so proud of them. I just wish we could have came home with the trophy," exclaimed senior Camille Webster.

Varsity Awards: Team Captain Awards: Hailey Ruesken and Gabrielle Martin. Most Valuable Athlete: Gabrielle

Martin. Kougar Pride Award: Lexi Tinkel. Best Serve Percentage Award: Alexis Tinkel, 96.6%. Most Aces Award: Lauren Stokes, 106. Most Kills Award: Gabrielle Martin, 308. Most Assists Award: Lauren Stokes, 951. Most Digs Award: Gabrielle Martin, 340. Varsity Most Blocks Award: Danielle Ruesken, 132. JV Awards: Kougar Pride: Sydney Pumnea. JV Most Valuable Player: Marissa Call. Freshman Awards: Kougar Pride: Hanna Helton. Most Valuable Player:



In 2011, there were more than 2.6 million breast cancer survivors in the US. Jacob Vujko, junior, spray painted his head for the dig pink game to support breast cancer awareness. "It was breast cancer night, so I said what the heck," said Vujko. Photo by M. Brown



Varsity Row 1 Alexandra Eggert, Alexis Tinkel, Lauren Stokes, Tori Van Vuren, Gabrielle Martin, Sydney Pumnea Row 2: Coach Rick Ashmore, Ashley Norberg, Danielle Ruesken, Hailey Ruesken, Camille Webster, Assistant Coach Lynn Grenough, and Assistant Coach Taylor Katzlis.

JV Row 1: Marissa Call, Megan Ratliff, Taylor Shaffer and Paige Sanders 2: Coach Rick Ashmore, Madison DeYoung, Kaitlyn Boomsma, Kaitlyn Jones, Jessi Rhoades, Assistant Coach Lynn Genough and Assistant Coach Taylor Katzlis.

Tori Van Vuren had a total of 381 assists during her last year. During warm ups, senior Tori Van Vuren achieves a dig. "You have to warm up good in order to play good," said Van Vuren. Photo by M. Brown

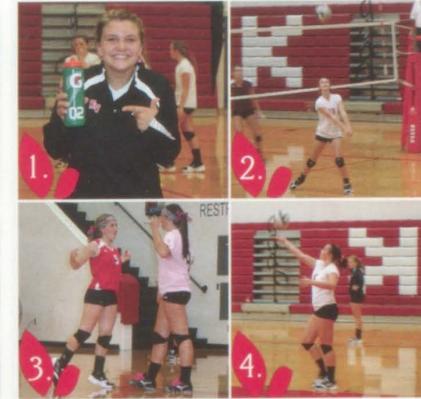
Varsity Scoreboard

KV 3 Knox 2 Win
KV 3 Rensselaer 0 Win
KV 2 Lowell 3 Lost
KV 3 Hobart 0 Win
KV 3 Highland 0 Win
KV 3 Griffith 1 Win
KV 3 Hobart 0 Win

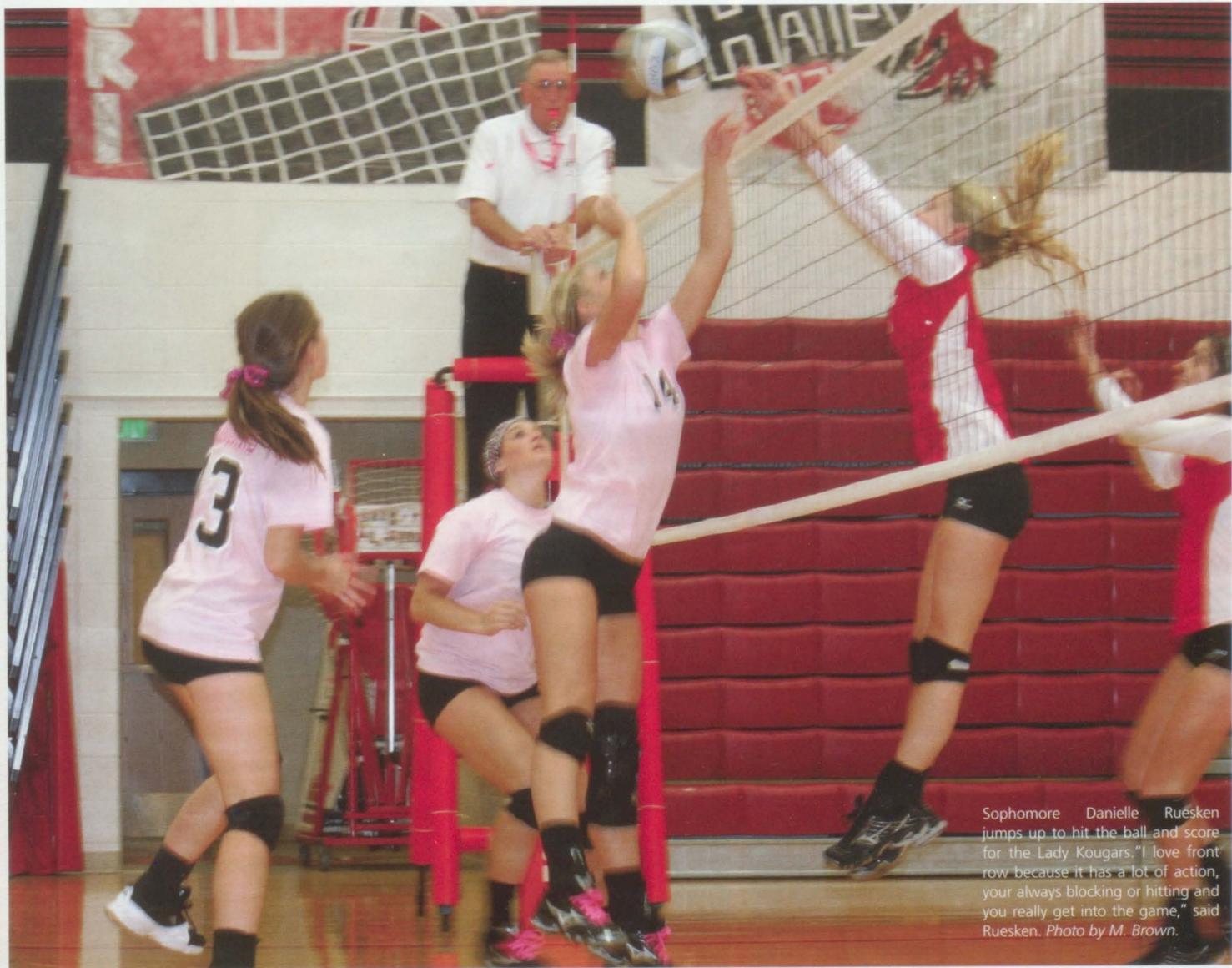
KV 1 Andrean 3 Win
KV 3 Highland 0 Win
KV 3 Griffith 0 Win
KV 1 Munster 3 Lost
KV 3 Calumet 0 Win
KV 3 Knox 0 Win
KV 0 Andrean 3 Lost



Madison DeYoung, 10



1. Sydney Pumnea, 11
2. Kaitlen Jones, 9
3. Alexandra Eggert, 10 & Camille Webster, 12
4. Gabrielle Martin, 10



Sophomore Danielle Ruesken jumps up to hit the ball and score for the Lady Cougars. "I love front row because it has a lot of action, you're always blocking or hitting and you really get into the game," said Ruesken. Photo by M. Brown.

Sophomore Alexandra Eggert's biggest accomplishment was making Varsity as a freshman and keeping that spot as a sophomore. "I love being the libero because the team looks up to you to get them pumped up!" said Eggert. Photo by M. Brown



Ashely Norberg's biggest accomplishment was beating Knox twice and almost beating Andrean for the sectional title. "My favorite part about blocking and hitting is how one awesome kill can change the whole attitude on the game," said Norberg. Photo by M. Brown



Paige Sanders dressed varsity as a freshman. "I love playing front row, but I'm always there for the dig. Volleyball is my favorite sport, and all my time is dedicated to it," said Sanders. Photo by M. Brown

By Maranda Brown

“Cheer it to Win it”

K-o-u-g-a-r-s, Kougars, cheerleaders enchanted in practice and on the sideline in order to support their football team.

In June, cheerleaders went to a four day camp at Saint Mary's of Notre Dame where they won the spirit stick, and freshman Belanah Chavez made the All-American team. "Summer camp was extremely exhausting and unbelievably stressful, but it was also worth every minute once you

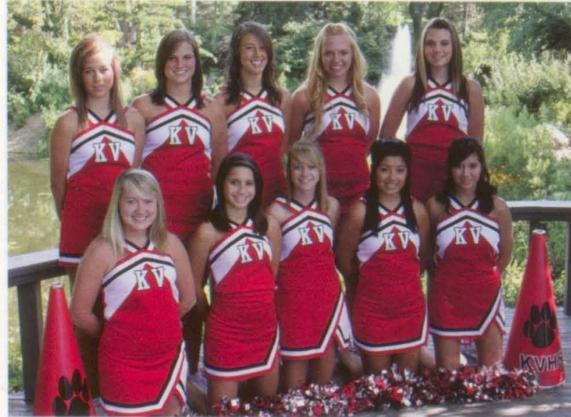
1. Mia Forden & Evelyn Rios, 9
2. Jordan Brodner, 10
3. Leanne Delinsky, 11
4. Taylor Freckleton, 12



Kelsey Jefferson, senior raised senior spirit as she was cheering at the Homecoming pep session. "Being a cheerleader I get to be a leader in my school and community," commented Jefferson. Photo by C. Abel



Kicking footballs to the crowd, is lifter Jay Weaver, junior. "Being a lifter means free food before the football games, as well as lifting up student and staff spirit," said Weaver. Photo by C. Abel



JV Row 1: Leanne Delinsky, Belanah Chavez, Brooklyn Starr, Evelyn Rios, Isobel Hernandez

Row 2: Mia Forden, Jordan Rhoades, Andrea Wireman, Janna Witvoet, Madalyn Fiscus

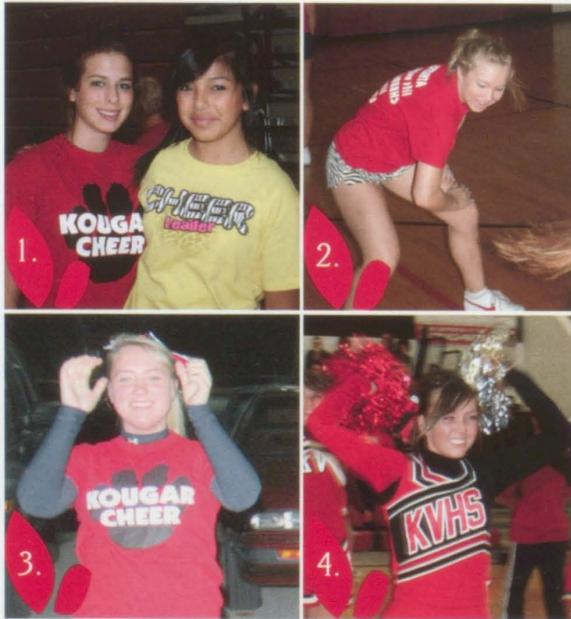
stick that stunt or get the cheer perfectly," explained junior Andrea Wireman.

"It felt good to be able to contribute to our school with creativity," said freshman Mia Forden. Cheerleaders rolled out the red carpet when they hosted the Hollywood themed Homecoming Dance.

Junior Varsity Awards: Most Improved: Brooklyn Starr. Most Spirited, Best Smile: Janna Witvoet. Most Dedicated Award: Madalyn Fiscus.

Top Base: Jordan Rhodes. Top Flyer, Best Jumps, Best Tumbler: Belanah Chavez. Captain Award: Andera Wireman.

Varsity awards: Leah Harper Award: Mackenzie Misner. Most Improved: Kelsey Jefferson. Most Spirited: Jamie Philbrook. Most Dedicated: Tatiana Adams. Top Lifter: Jay Weaver. Top Flyer: Jessica Nichols. Best Jumps: Taylor Freckleton. Best Smile: Alyssa Tucker. Captain Awards: Jessica Nichols and Tasha Jones.



Varsity Row 1: Amber Southard, Tessa Whitson, Tasha Jones, Taylor Freckleton, Jessica Nichols, Kelsey Jefferson, Tatiana Adams, Alyssa Tucker

Row 2: Jay Weaver, Mackenzie Misner, Sydney Geesa, Jordan Brodner, Cole Rentschler, Miranda Retzlaff, Sabrina Misiak, Ashley Gooden, Brady Powers



"Selling the breast cancer shirts made me feel good because I knew I was doing something good for the community," commented senior Tasha Jones. This was the first time that they sold "Cheer for a Cure" T-shirts. Jones cheered the last two years of high school. Tasha was awarded captain for the varsity team.

Photo by M. Dyer



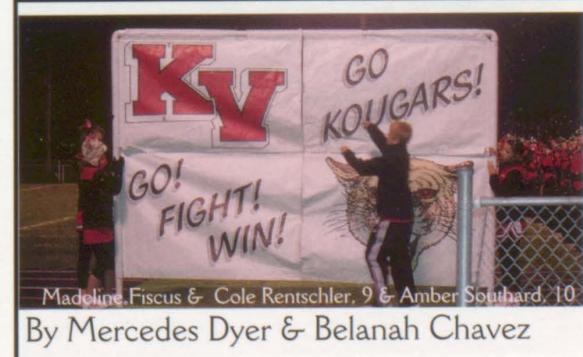
"The most difficult thing about practice is trying to get everyone focused and manage to still have fun while doing it," explained junior Sabrina Misiak. Misiak has been in high school cheerleading for the past three years. In addition to cheering at games, girls practiced two hours, three days a week. Squad also made spirit signs.

Photo by B. Chavez



"Cheerleading is dangerous, especially for a flyer. It takes a lot of skill and patience, but it's honestly worth it," said junior Alyssa Tucker. The girls performed the school song at the Homecoming bonfire on September 22 along with the band and the Dance team. They also cheered "Go Big Red" to pump everyone up before the Homecoming game.

Photo by C. Abel



Hit Us With Your Best Shot

Boys' tennis was filled with dedication, perseverance, commitment, effort, and improvement as they experienced a tougher season in the Northwest Crossroads Conference which included Valparaiso, Plymouth, and Benton Central. "I feel like our overall season went really great. We all improved and had a lot of fun playing as a team," said junior Ryan Postma.

Although participating in the Lebanon

1. Brett Walther, 12
2. Luke Sanderson, 10
3. James Tendeck, 10
4. Kyle Banaszak, 9



After playing his last game of his senior year, Ronald Gatlin said, "My most memorable part of the season was when Matt Clark and I came back from a set down to win against Lowell." Photo by M. Retzlaff



Row 1: James Tendeck, Anthony Zoppetti, Kyle Banaszak, Ronald Gatlin, Garrett Schneider, Adam Conley, Matthew Dancho

Lucas Villalpando, sophomore, gets in ready position to prepare himself to return the ball. "My biggest accomplishment was playing number one Varsity doubles with Ryan Postma," said Villalpando. Photo by M. Retzlaff

Tournament was difficult, the team gained experience with players who were outside their Conference. Coach Dan Roberts chose Lebanon, his alma mater, along with LaPorte, in order to challenge his players. "I wanted my team to play against tougher competitors so that they could improve on their skills," said Roberts.

One player who contributed to the 500 season was sophomore Luke Sanderson whose flawless regular season

earned him First Team All-NCC Singles honors.

Sanderson won Sectionals and finished eighth in state. Sanderson has now compiled a 25-0 record and is 46-1 in his two seasons of playing for the Cougars. He was named the number one player in District 1 by coaches in Northwest Indiana.

"Luke had some great competition and will continue to play tournaments year round. This is what it takes to play at an elite level," added Coach Roberts.



Row 2: Andrew Sparks, Brett Walther, Matthew Clark, Lucas Villalpando, Luke Sanderson, Ryan Postma, Coach Dan Roberts Photo by T. Sparks

After receiving their awards, senior Ronald Gatlin, sophomores Luke Sanderson, Adam Conley, and senior Matthew Clark pose with their certificates and trophies. Awards: Team Captain: Luke Sanderson. Most Valuable Player: Luke Sanderson. Rookie of the Year: Adam Conley. Academic: Ronald Gatlin. Most Improved Player: Garrett Schneider. Most Dedicated Player: Luke Sanderson. Photo by B. Likens

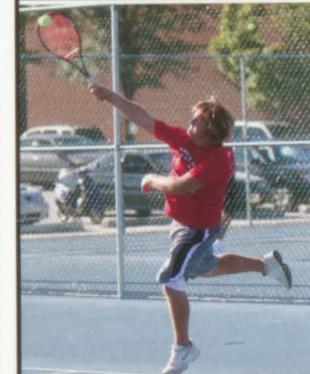




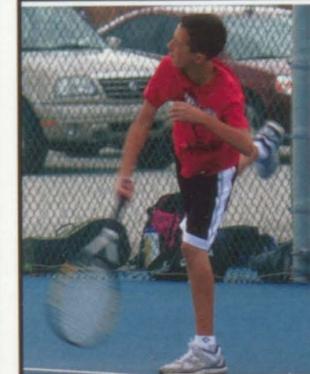
Sophomore Luke Sanderson follows through on his swing. "My biggest accomplishment was winning Regionals and placing in the top ten at State," said Sanderson. *Photo by T. Sparks*



"My favorite part of tennis was talking to my friends after the match because we always had a good time when we were together," commented sophomore Adam Conley. **Conley's biggest accomplishment of the season was playing Varsity as a sophomore.** *Photo by A. Cobb*



"The thing I will miss most about tennis would be D-Rob's hilarious sense of humor and all the great moments we shared as a team," said senior Matthew Clark. **He was one of the five seniors. Accomplishing the impossible, Clark aced Luke Sanderson during a practice match.** *Photo by M. Retzlaff*



"My favorite part of tennis was probably the bus rides to the matches. Tennis is an extremely fun sport to play, and it will be the main thing I will miss about high school," said senior Andrew Sparks. **Sparks consistently played Varsity tennis under Coach Roberts for four consecutive years.** *Photo by T. Sparks*

By Miranda Retzlaff

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 1 Valparaiso 4
KV 1 Benton Central 4
KV 4 Rensselaer 1
KV 1 Knox 4
KV 4 Hobart 1
KV 5 Calumet 0
KV 1 Munster 4
KV 2 Griffith 3
KV 1 Wheeler 4
KV 4 Andrean 1
KV 3 Lowell 2

KV 1 Marquette 4
KV 3 North Judson 2
KV 1 Highland 4
KV 1 Plymouth 4
KV 1 LaPorte 4
KV 1 Crown Point 4
KV 1 Portage 4
KV 1 Mississinewa 4
KV 1 Lebanon 4
KV 1 Lake Central 4



Take it to the Hoop!



Before the Michigan City game, Cougars stand in an orderly fashion while the national anthem is played. The game ended in a loss, but Cougars fought hard until the buzzer. Photo by M. Roth



Varsity: Row 1: Brent VanSoest, Andrew Marcus, Dale DeHaan, Brett Walther, Samuel Cowser, Dustin Ketelaar Row 2:

L ed by senior Brett Walther, Cougars strived to make the best out of their season. "Our team was very young. Four of our starters were juniors, with me being the only senior. I had to show leadership and determination to help our team to victory," commented Walther.

Cougars stayed strong throughout the season and got their first win against North Newton. "Beating the Spartans was a good way to build the teams' confidence

and to prove to ourselves that we could have a positive year," said junior Dustin Ketelaar.

After beating North Newton, the boys faced a stretch of very good teams including Valparaiso, Munster, Michigan City, and Lowell. Fighting through tough competition, they retaliated by defeating the Portage Indians in a hard fought game with a final score of 47-42.

Advancing into the first round of Sectionals with a 5-16 record, the boys were ready to take on

the Knox Redskins. Losing with a score of 54-37, their season came to an end. "It was a rough way to end the season," commented junior Tyler Birk.

Varsity Awards: Best Free Throw Percentage: Dustin Ketelaar, Most Rebounds: Brett Walther, Best Defender: Brett Walther, Co-Cougar Pride: Samuel Cowser and Andrew Marcus. **JV Awards:** JV Best Free Throw Percentage: Adam Conley, JV Co-Best Defensive Player: James Allen and Alonte Blackwell.



Sophomore Alonte Blackwell prepares to get the rebound after a free throw. "My first year at KV was very eventful; I got along great with my new teammates," said Blackwell. Photo by A. Matson

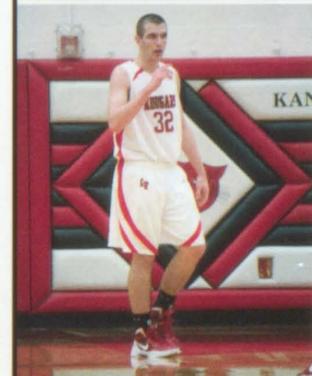
JV: Row 1: Michael Vega, Jacob Williams, Derick Tesh, James Allen, Adam Conley Row 2: Coach Lew Rhinehart,

Alonte Blackwell, Cody Sytsma, Andrew Jackson, Brandon VanSoest, Matthew Myers





Senior Brett Walther averaged 15 points per game. "Playing in every game this season was an awesome feeling. I had a great bond with my teammates, and I loved every second of playing," said Walther who played basketball all four years of high school. *Photo by T. Sparks*



Drew Jackson had some time in a few of his first Varsity games as a sophomore. "I was having a great season. I improved a lot on my shots. Although I broke my ankle in the game against Wheeler and was out the rest of the season, I still think I improved quite a bit," commented Jackson. *Photo by M. Roth*



Senior Samuel Cowsert had an average of three assists per game. "My senior season was very exciting. I got a lot more playing time and even started a few games! I'm going to miss being out on the court next year," said Cowsert. *Photo by B. Likens*



Justin Eger averaged 12 points per game as a junior. "My fondest memory of the season was beating Griffith in double overtime. It felt great to beat a conference team and overtime just made everything feel more exciting!" exclaimed Eger. *Photo by A. Matson*

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 50 Tri-County 61	KV 43 Lowell 59
KV 61 Twin Lakes 65	KV 38 Highland 55
KV 49 Rensselaer 60	KV 47 Portage 42
KV 42 Kouts 58	KV 32 Hobart 50
KV 63 North Newton 57	KV 41 Hebron 54
KV 38 Andrean 66	KV 37 Wheeler 55
KV 42 Hanover 51	KV 55 Griffith 51 2 OT
KV 38 Munster 71	KV 49 North Judson 67

By Michael Roth

Respect All, Fear None

Starting off the season beating Valparaiso 53-52 as the underdog gave the girls a confidence boost for the rest of the season. This is only the second time Lady Cougars beat Valparaiso, the last being in the 1980's at home. "Winning against one of the top teams on their home turf really got the girls excited for the season," said Head Coach Ryan Myers.

Facing Rensselaer in the first game of Sectionals and winning 40-37, the team advanced

to game two against Hanover Central. They lost 47-42, ending with a record of 12-10.

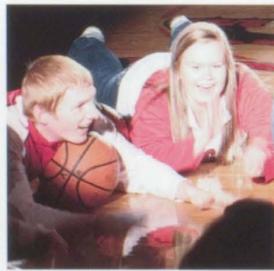
Senior Hailey Ruesken received the blanket award for lettering in four varsity sports during her high school career. This is the most prestigious award an athlete can earn. Ruesken also received Second Team All-Conference and played in the Indiana All-Star game. Senior Stacey Herrema received the Academic All-Conference award.

Varsity Awards: Best Free Throw Percentage: Lauren Stokes, Impact Player of the Year: Lauren Stokes, Mental Attitude: Alexis Howard, Top Rebounder: Hailey Ruesken (152), Defensive Player of the Year: Lauren Stokes, Offensive Player of the Year: Bethany Jansma.

JV Awards: Impact Player: Cassandra Cleveland, Defensive Player of the Year: Alexandra Eggert, Offensive Player of the Year: Madison Wireman, Mental Attitude: Caitlyn Ginaven.



Dressed up for their first Sectional game, Varsity team is announced in front of the school at the Winterfest closing pep rally. "I loved being noticed in front of the school for everything we worked for," said sophomore Bethany Jansma. Photo by A. Matson



Playing their part in the opening ceremony, seniors Andrew Marcus and Shelby Hickman pound to the rhythm on the gym floor. Both basketball teams participated in choreography that accompanied the beat of "We Will Rock You" by Queen. Photo by A. Matson



Varsity: Row 1: Morgan Caviglieri, Tori Van Vuren, Hailey Ruesken, Shelby Hickman, Stacey Herrema, (Mgr.) Olivia Trainor, (Mgr.) Meagan Ratliff Row 2: Coach Matthew Myers, Alexis Howard, Gabrielle Mar-

tin, Danielle Ruesken, Head Coach Ryan Myers, Ashley Norberg, Lauren Stokes, Bethany Jansma, Coach Joe Leach Row 3: Coach Jeff Sampson, Coach Dave Veldman



JV: Row 1: Madison Wireman, Alexandra Eggert, Cassandra Cleveland, Kaitlin Boonstra, Briana Young, Caitlyn Ginaven, Kaylin Orsburn, Megan Kinney

Row 2: Coach Jeff Sampson, Coach Dave Veldman, Head Coach Mike Myers, Coach Joe Leach, Coach Matthew Myers





"My favorite part about basketball is being surprised with a team that was considered the 'underdog' and seeing the team get better every game. It was a great accomplishment to be on a team with such a good bond," sophomore Lauren Stokes. **Stokes scored 222 points total with 48 out of 57 free throws made.** Photo by A. Matson



"I love the game overall, but also playing it with my friends. The greatest point of the season was finally being able to start on Varsity," said sophomore Ashley Norberg. **Norberg had a total 77 points during the course of the season, averaging about 5 points per game.** Photo by A. Matson



"Being on the team was interesting with all the inside jokes and time spent with my teammates. Our biggest accomplishment was beating Valparaiso, the first game of the season, on a last second shot," said senior Stacey Herrema. **Herrema scored 50 points total, had a 2.4 game scoring average, 19 steals, and 16 assists all season.** Photo by A. Matson



"My best memory was when we played Hanover Central at home and won, while being filmed. After the game Hailey, Danielle, and I got interviewed because we were the top scorers. I felt like an All-Star," said senior Tori Van Vuren. **Van Vuren scored 64 points total and had a 3 point scoring average per game.** Photo by A. Matson

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 53 Valparaiso 52
 KV 37 Crown Point 63
 KV 60 Highland 36
 KV 44 Morgan Township 42
 KV 39 Wheeler 36
 KV 51 Boone Grove 63
 KV 39 Lowell 50
 KV 57 Hanover Central 53
 KV 40 Hobart 42

KV 63 Covenant Christian 28
 KV 50 Knox 41
 KV 49 Rochester 54
 KV 49 Griffith 57
 KV 66 Hebron 53
 KV 38 Munster 54
 KV 54 Rensselaer 46
 KV 51 Andrean 33



By Alyssa Matson

"I Hate to Lose More Than I Want to Win"

-Joel Bolen, 11

Starting off as a very young team and missing a key wrestler, sophomore Alex Berdine, due to knee surgery, wrestlers still dominated rival Rensselaer in their first home meet. "Much of the team had never wrestled before so to beat such a well known wrestling school was a great accomplishment," said sophomore Michael Mikovetz.

Topping the charts by placing second and third in Sectionals were juniors James Marich and Matthew Berdine. Also joining

them was senior Kyle Dalka who placed second. Juniors Joel Bolen and John Morrison also advanced to Regionals with second and fourth place finishes. "Making it to Regionals was one of my biggest goals, I am happy with how my season ended, but I am definitely going to train even harder," Morrison added.

Wrestlers continued to perform in Regionals. Marich, Berdine and Dalka fought through their first match and advanced to Semi-State in Merrillville. "Making

it to Semi-State in my first year of wrestling was awesome. I never thought I would do so well as a rookie," commented Berdine.

Wrestlers finished with a record of 25-12. Meets against Delphi, Valparaiso, and Chesterton all went to the last match to decide the winner.

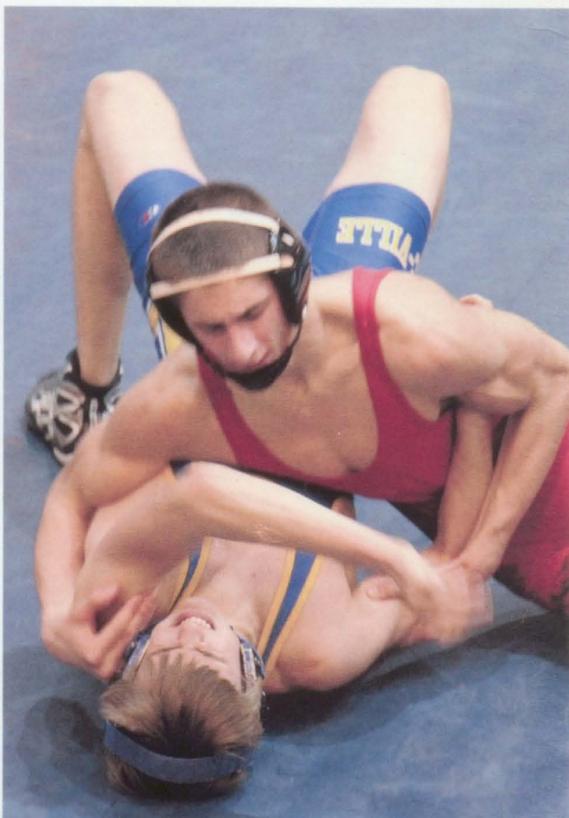
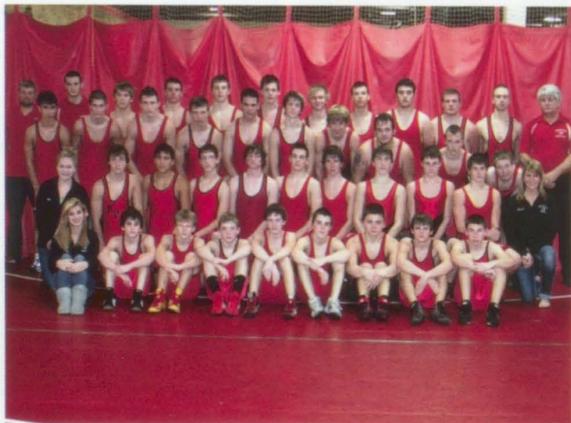
Awards: Outstanding Wrestler: Kyle Dalka, Rookie Of The Year: Matthew Berdine, Clean Back: James Marich, Most Improved: Timothy Schoonveld, Most Take Downs: Andrew Schultheis, Iron

Man: Joel Bolen.

First Team All Conference: James Marich, Matthew Berdine, and Kyle Dalka, Second Team All Conference: Joel Bolen, Honorable Mention All Conference: Jerzy Dunlap, Andrew Schultheis, Beau Tauber, and Timothy Schoonveld.

Team was coached by Tom Dellahan, who was responsible for acquiring new mats and a storage system which cost \$31,866 and replaced the 20 year old practice mats. Helping coach were former wrestlers Dakota Dellahan and Cole Patrick.

Row 1: (Mgr.) Dayton Dellahan, Logan Kidwell, Jerzy Dunlap, Logan Anderson, Skyler Davis, Matthew Mezzacappa, Jacob Tillger, Alexander Thompson, Daniel Hayes Row 2: (Mgr.) Callie Baird, Logan Crim, Jordan Likens, Robert Ragsdale, Eric Philbrook, Andrew Schultheis, Michael Mikovetz, Hunter Brodner, Shaon Wright, Timmy Marich, (Mgr.) Hannah Dancer Row 3: Michael Nava, James Marich, John Morrison, Chase Clark, Roberto Herrera, Ayden Blake, Tyler Armstrong, Kyle Dalka, Beau Tauber, Koy Schmidt Row 4: Asst. Coach Cole Patrick, Asst. Coach Dakota Dellahan, Alex Berdine, Timothy Schoonveld, Joel Bolen, Kristian Cullings, Matthew Lukacek, Kevin Hoover, Matthew Berdine, Casey Wilson, Jay Weaver, Coach Thomas Dellahan



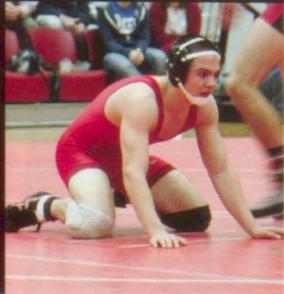
"Qualifying for Regionals was definitely my biggest accomplishment. After starting off slow, it was a great way to end the season," junior Joel Bolen explained. Bolen won the match by pinning his opponent. Photo by S. Marich

Far right: Junior Jimmy Marich pins his opponent with ease. "Wrestling is not an easy sport, so to be able to go a whole season without being pinned was an amazing feeling," said Marich. Photo by S. Marich

Varsity Scoreboard

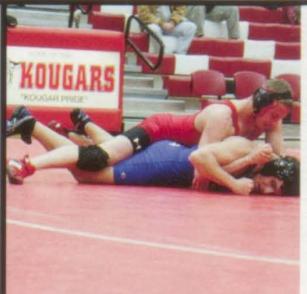
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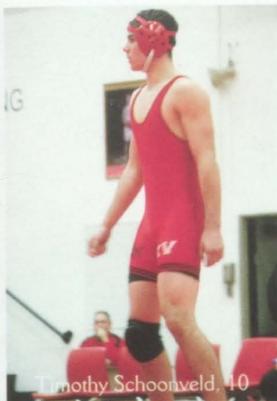
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KV 74 Boone Grove 0



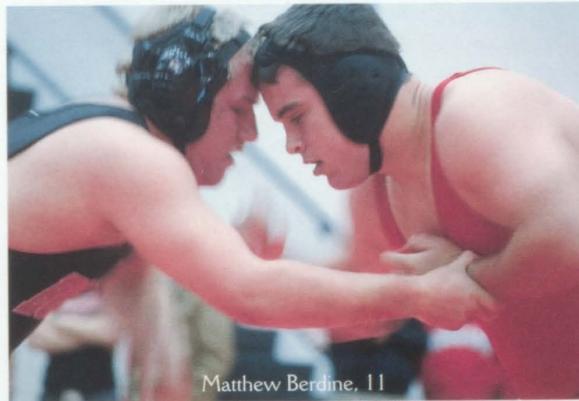
Andrew Schultheis was a regional qualifier alternate as a sophomore.

"The hardest part about wrestling is keeping a positive mental attitude because it can be a grind sometimes," said Schultheis. Photo by A. Matson

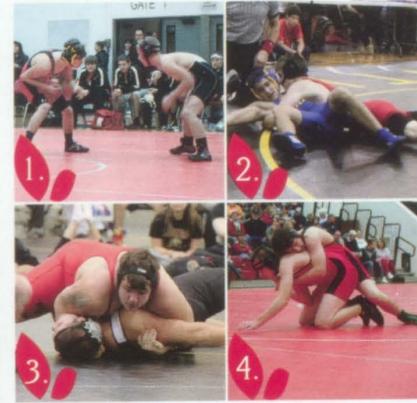




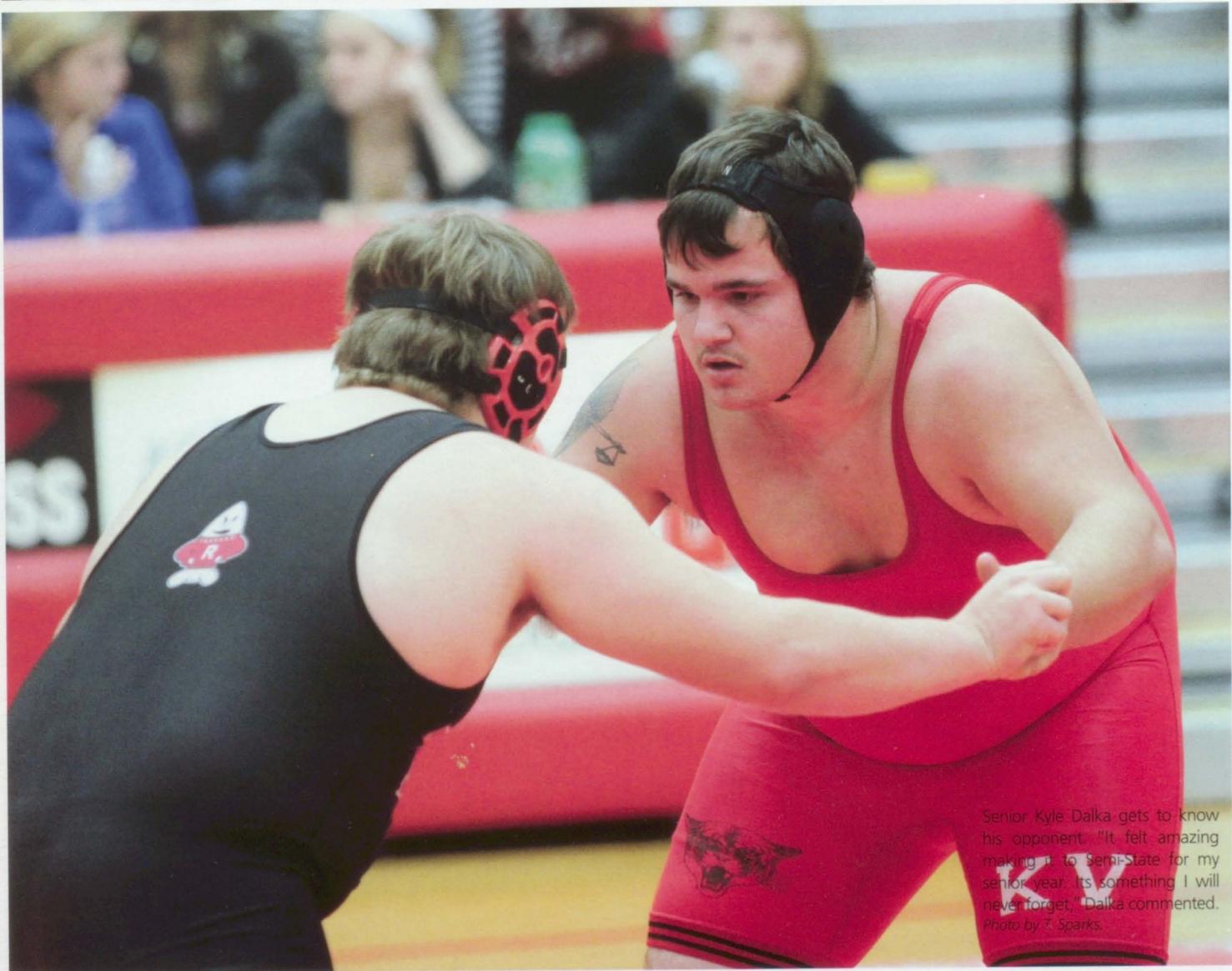
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Timothy Schoolveld, 10



Matthew Berdine, 11



1. Ayden Blake, 10
2. Matthew Mezzacapo, 11
3. Kyle Dalka, 12
4. Robert Ragsdale, 9

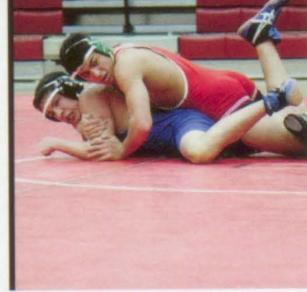


Senior Kyle Dalka gets to know his opponent. "It felt amazing making it to Semi-State for my senior year. It's something I will never forget," Dalka commented.
Photo by T. Sparks.

Junior Beau Tauber finished the wrestling season with a record of 29-14. "My favorite moment of wrestling season was when we wrestled under the spot light against conference rival Hobart," added Tauber. Photo by B. Likens



Jerzy Dunlap won four matches at the Griffith Super Dual. "All the hard work pays off when you get your hand raised at the end of a match. It's the best feeling in the world," said Dunlap. Photo by S. Marich



After suffering from two shoulder injuries, sophomore Jordan Likens still managed to finish the season. "My favorite moment was when I wrestled a kid that was first in state and almost beat him," said Likens. Photo by B. Likens

By Michael Roth

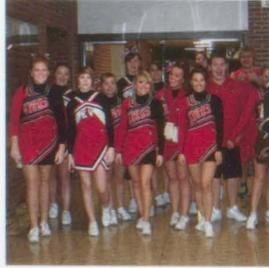
Cheer Loud, Cheer Proud!

When you hear the word "cheerleader", what are the descriptions that come to mind? Glitz, glam, and—most importantly—spirit!

Three seniors, Taylor Freckelton, Tasha Jones, and Jessica Nichols, received the rare opportunity to cheer in Orlando, Florida for the NCA Christmas Extravaganza Parade. "Having the experience to go perform at Disney was one of the greatest moments in my life!" exclaimed Tasha Jones.

Purchasing new pom-poms, megaphones, and signs the cheerleaders

1. Mackenzie Misner, 11
2. Kelsey Jefferson, 12
3. Brooklyn Starr, 10
4. Madalyn Fiscus, 9



Heading for an away game, cheerleaders stop and pose for a quick photo. "Cheerleading kept me fit all year and helped to build patience, trust, and determination," said junior Alyssa Tucker. Photo by M. Brown



"Being a senior cheerleader was a whole lot of fun! I was lucky enough to come back and be co-captain. It was such a great experience!" exclaimed Angela DeFries. Photo by A. Matson.



Varsity Row 1: Tatiana Adams, Ashley Gooden, Mackenzie Misner, Andrea Wireman, Tessa Whitson, Alyssa Tucker Row 2: Cole Rentschler, Taylor

Freckelton, Kelsey Jefferson, Tasha Jones, Angela DeFries, Jamie Philbrook, Jessica Nichols, Tyler Pritt

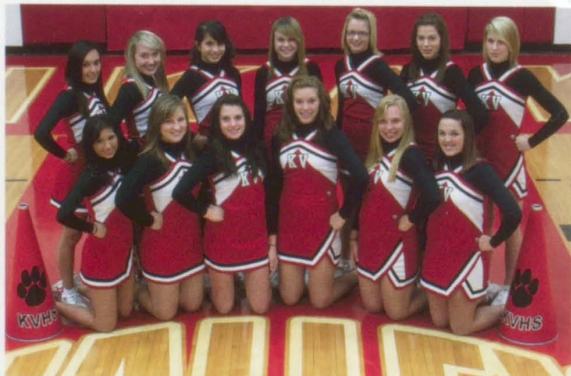
had to do some major fundraising. In the summer they sold popcorn buckets, and during the week of Valentines Day they sold candy grams to help with the cost.

For Basketball Sectionals, girls and lifters decorated the boys' rooms with streamers, confetti, and posters. "Spending time with the other cheerleaders and seeing the parents' reactions are the best parts of decorating the boys' rooms for Sectionals," said junior Mackenzie Misner.

Varsity Awards: Kaylah Sutton: Mackenzie Misner, Captains: Tasha Jones and

Angela DeFries, Most Improved: Miranda Retzlaff, Most Spirited: Tatiana Adams, Best Jumps- Taylor Freskelton, Best Flyer: Alyssa Tucker, Best Base: Tyler Pritt, Best Tumbler: Cole Rentschler, Best Dancer: Jamie Philbrook, Best Smile: Tessa Whitson.

JV Awards: Captains: Belanah Chavez and Madalyn Fiscus, Most Improved: Morgan Campbell, Most Spirited: Janna Witvoet, Best Jumps and Best Flyer: Belanah Chavez, Best Base: Janna Witvoet, Best Tumbler: Coral Justice, Best Dancer: Mia Stevens, Best Smile: Brooklyn Star

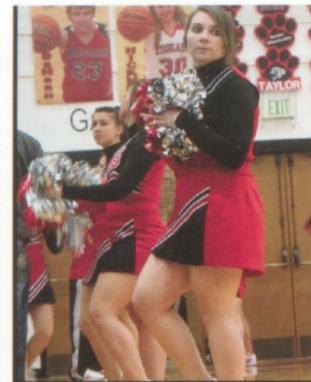


JV Row 1: Isobel Hernandez, Kimberly Stalbaum, Madalyn Fiscus, Mia Stevens, Jenna Witvoet, Morgan Campbell Row 2:

Serenity Roberts, Leanne Delinsky, Belanah Chavez, Brooklyn Starr, Lyric Buchanan, Mia Forde, Coral Justice



"My most memorable moment was at our Griffith game. We were all so pumped and excited, everyone screaming. We went into double overtime and won the game! It was just so much fun! I don't want my senior year to come to an end," said senior Jamie Philbrook. Photo by B. Chavez



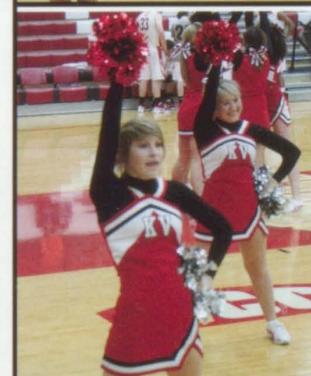
After only one season of cheering, junior Miranda Retzlaff was moved up to Varsity. "Cheerleading has been the best part of high school by far. I love how much all of our hard work pays off when we get to perform in front of the whole school. It's very rewarding, and I am so glad that I participated in cheer," said Retzlaff. Photo by A. Matson



Winning the dance battle against Griffith's mascot was the Cougars greatest accomplishment. "Being the Kougar was one of the high lights of my high school career. The Rensselaer game was very interesting because out of nowhere Gumbee came over and tried to start a fight. Cougars always dominate!" exclaimed The Kougar. Photo by M. Brown



Senior Taylor Freckleton spent 13 out of 18 years with poms in her hands. "My favorite part about cheering is when the crowd gets involved and helps us out at games," said Freckleton. Photo by M. Brown



Perfecting stunts and learning new dances and cheers enhanced junior Coral Justice's cheering status. "My favorite memory of cheerleading is being together and growing as friends, and as a family. We've had so much fun learning dances, cheers, and stunts. I feel like these girls are my sisters," commented Justice. Photo by M. Brown



By Maranda Brown

On the Go in H₂O

Swimmers began the season with a strong group of seniors who dominated Conference rival, Griffith, by 46 points in the fourth outing.

At the Rensselaer Relays, Cougars swam to perfection. First place finishes were junior Frank Lapota in the breast stroke and senior Zachary Ratliff in the butterfly. Cougars were the champions of the relays for the first time. "Winning the Rensselaer Relays my senior season was an amazing feeling. It was

even better because it was the first time," explained Ratliff.

Racing opponents such as Merrillville and Knox, the team went into the Lowell Invitational with confidence, as the defending champions. They won the Invitational by two points over Knox. The Invite consisted of Knox, Bishop Noll, Lowell, Griffith, Gavit, and Hammond Morton. "Lowell Invitational is always a great time. To win my junior year and then come back the next year and win

again is an awesome feeling to have," said senior Cody Jones.

Going into Conference, Ratliff and Lapota were determined to break the 100 M butterfly and 100 M breast school records. "Breaking the school record was an amazing feeling, and to do it at Conference just made the moment even more memorable," commented Lapota.

Cougars finished the season strong with wins over Twin Lakes and Morton, ending the season with an

11-3 record.

Awards: Rookie of the Year: Justin Edwards, Most Valuable Diver: Trevor Overstreet, Academic Award: Stephen Mezzacapo, Co-Most Valuable Swimmer: Zachary Ratliff and Cody Jones, Co-Captain: Zachary Ratliff and Trevor Overstreet.

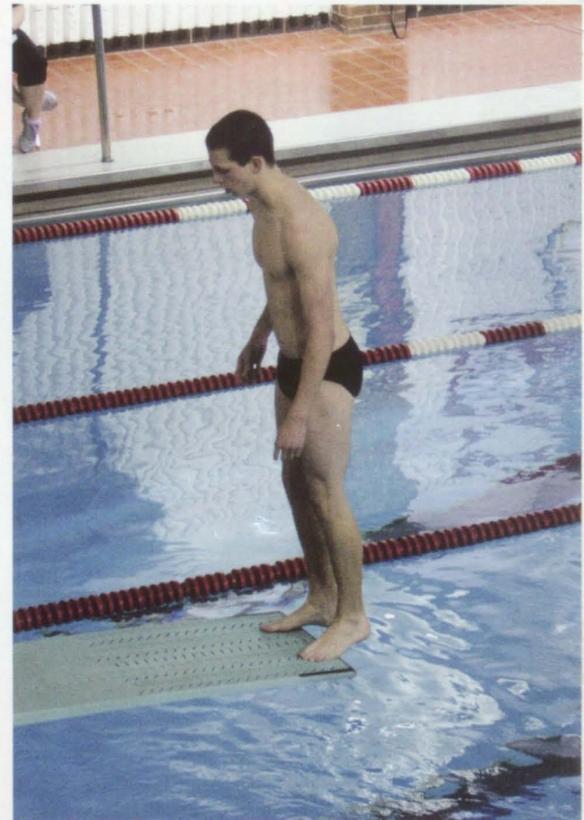
Receiving Honorable Mention, All-Conference consisted of Cody Jones, Frank Lapota, Trevor Overstreet, and Zachary Ratliff.

Team was coached by Dan Roberts in his twenty-second year.

Row 1: James Tendeck, Walter Dinga, Cameron Johnson, Justin Edwards, Travis Seibt, Robert Svitek, Travis Conley, John Miles, Asst. Coach Caleb Tillema, Stacey Brown (Mgr.) Chelsea Fulkerson (Mgr.) Row 2: Coach Dan Roberts, Brandon Martin, Ryan DeMars, Keith McGing, Trevor Shelhart, Stephen Mezzacapo, Cody Jones, Zachary Ratliff, Trevor Overstreet, Frank Lapota

Senior Zachary Ratliff comes up for a breath during the 100 Meter Butterfly. "My most memorable moment of my senior year was breaking the 100 Meter Butterfly record at the NCC Conference. I told myself at the beginning of the season I was going to break it and to achieve that goal was an amazing feeling," said Ratliff. Photo by T. Sparks

Far Right: Junior Trevor Shelhart prepares for a dive during the Lowell invite. Shelhart finished third. Photo by M. Roth



Varsity Scoreboard

KV 55 Highland 130

KV 141 Oregon-Davis 26

KV 55 Munster 128

KV 112 Griffith 66

KV 84 Rensselaer 102

KV 108 Merrillville 78

KV 112 Knox 64



KV 111 Bishop Noll 72

KV 133 Hobart 49

KV 101 Wheeler 82

KV 139 N. Newton 33

KV 108 Twin Lakes 78

KV 94 Morton 88



In his second year of swimming, sophomore Travis Seibt participates in the 200 meter freestyle every meet, with a personal best of 2:26. "Swimming is a very challenging sport, that is part of the reason why I love it so much," said Seibt. Photo by M. Roth





Trevor Overstreet, 12



Brandon Martin, 9



1. Ryan DeMars, 9
2. Walter Dinga, 10
3. Cody Jones, 12
4. Justin Edwards, 9



"Breaststroke is my favorite event. It's fast paced and almost always a close finish," said junior Frank Lapota. Lapota placed first during the Lowell meet. *Photo by M. Roth*

Sophomore James Tendeck swims in the Medley Relays which includes all four types of swims (Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly). "My fondest moment was winning the Rensselaer Relays for the first time in KV history," said Tendeck. *Photo by B. Likens*



Diving for the first time, sophomore Robert Svitek placed third in the Lowell meet. Svitek assisted in helping other teammates. "Diving is not easy at all. It takes a lot of time and dedication to master everything," said Svitek. *Photo by B. Likens*



Placing first in the 500 Meter Freestyle was sophomore Travis Conley's biggest accomplishment. "Swimming is a very competitive sport and also a great way to stay in shape," commented Conley. *Photo by B. Likens*

By Michael Roth

The Earth is 71.1% water. Can you swim?

Completing the season with an 8-4 record and fourth in the Conference, the Girls' Swim team came through with two Conference wins and a rival win against Rensselaer.

"I feel very accomplished from my first swimming season. I started the season off barely knowing how to swim, and I improved greatly," said sophomore Joli Jungels.

With hard work and practice, sophomore Madison Babicka pushed through to break a record in the

50 meter freestyle with a time of 25:50. This time had been held by 2011 graduate Breanne Chevrette who completed the swim in 25:76. Babicka also received Second Team All-Conference for her outstanding swim time. Babicka and her relay team that consisted of junior Alysia Beenes and sophomores Abbey Sittema and Katelin Lott also placed Second Team all Conference.

Given a challenge at the beginning of the season, the team came through with a three victory win

streak against Merrillville, Knox, and Bishop Noll. "We saw major improvements in individual times throughout the season," commented Head Coach Kevin Stephens.

In final action, Lady Cougars placed sixth out of 16 teams in the Crown Point Sectionals. "Going to Crown Point is always really cool because the excitement makes everyone swim faster and be more enthusiastic about the race. It's really great to watch excellent swimmers go to State," commented senior Lindsey

Marie Strong.

Swimming Awards:
Most Valuable Swimmer: Madison Babicka,
Most Valuable Diver: Jordan Brodner, Co-
Most Improved: Jessica Hoffman and Jordan Rhoades, **Rookie of the Year:** Maribeth Strong, **Co-Mental Attitude:** Katelin Lott and Abbey Sittema, **Perfect Attendance:** Madison Babicka, Abbey Sittema, and Brittany Stepp, **Academic All-State:** Morgan Bell and Jessica Hoffman, **Academic NCAA:** Morgan Bell, Jessica Hoffman, Megan Luedtke.

Row 1: Joli Jungels, Madeline Klauer, Jordon Dittrich, Caitlin Roth, Katie Sanders, Alysia Beenes, Kaitlyn Dock, Katelin Lott Row 2: Rachel Krupa, Morgan Overstreet, Jordyn Rentschler, Jessica Nagel, Michelle Kent, Brittany Stepp, Wiebke Luhrs Row 3: Asst. Coach Lane Lewallen, Abbey Sittema, Madison Babicka, Audra Lewis, Jordan Brodner, Jordan Rhoades, Katherine Woolever, Sarah Axtell, Maribeth Strong, and Cari Knip Row 4: Asst. Coach Caleb Tillema, Jordan Wright, Megan Luedtke, Alyssa VanderWall, Jessica Hoffman, Alexandria Sampson, Lindsey Marie Strong, Morgan Bell, Coach Kevin Stephens

Sophomore Madison Babicka races to beat her opponents. "My favorite memory of swim season was achieving so much with my teammates and giving the best season I possibly could to my coaches," said Babicka. *Photo by T. Sparks*



Varsity Scoreboard

KV 91 Lowell 95
KV 116 Hobart 66
KV 82 Highland 104
KV 140 North Judson 41
KV 61.5 Munster 124.5
KV 119 Griffith 67
KV 98.5 Merrillville 87.5



KV 135 Knox 39
KV 70 Wheeler 113
KV 130 Rensselaer 49
KV 136 North Newton 46



Senior Alexandria Sampson completed her last season with a total of 38 points. She earned 13th in Conference and 20th at the Crown Point Sectionals. "My favorite part about swimming is reaching a goal that I've worked for all season and getting to know all the girls on the team." *Photo by M. Roth*





1. Caitlin Roth, 9
2. Jordan Rhoades, 10
3. Lindsey Strong, 12
4. Alyssa VanderWall, 12

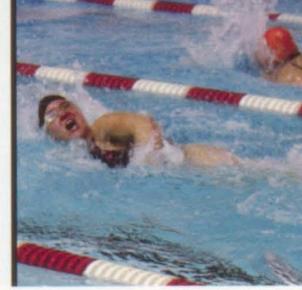


Senior Jordan Wright takes her stroke against Wheeler. "I will miss the entire team. We have become a family over these last four years. I loved being with those girls everyday, and I'll miss them always," said Wright. Photo by A. Matson

Throughout the season, senior Morgan Bell earned a total of 84 points. She also excelled in the 100 backstroke. "My favorite competition stroke is the backstroke because it's fun, and it's my best stroke," added Bell. Photo by M. Roth



Earning 6 points for the season, freshman Madeline Klauer established her presence in her main event, which was the sprint freestyle. "High school swimming is hard work, but it is very rewarding," commented Klauer. Photo by T. Sparks



Placing 13th in Conference and 18th in the Crown Point Sectional, senior Megan Luedtke earned 34.5 points during the season. "I feel good about my last year of swimming. Although I didn't get back my top 10 number, I'm thankful I got to stay on the team," said Luedtke. Photo by A. Matson

By Tyler Pritt

Diamond Life

is the Right Stuff

Starting off the season with a strong group of seniors, Cougars dominated Calumet in their first game. Next was county rival Rensselaer. In a hard fought game the boys came out on the losing end. "Losing against Rensselaer my senior year was very disappointing, but I was happy with our effort," said senior Christopher Rusk.

In the Cougar Klassic the boys really stepped up their game with wins

1. Kevin Cooper, 12
2. Chase Sizemore, 9
3. Matthew Myers, 10
4. Jake Wright, 12



Sophomore Austin Brewster takes a lead off at second base. "Being the first batter in the line up is always exciting. It's up to you to set the tone of the game for your team," said Brewster. Photo by M. Retzlaff



Timothy Schoonveld watches as his teammate is at bat. "Playing Varsity my sophomore year was an awesome experience and helped me gain a lot of knowledge," commented Schoonveld. Photo by M. Retzlaff



Varsity: Row 1: Ast. Coach Aaron Mullinax, Timothy Hillers, Denton Dowell, Bradley Oney, John Miles, Anthony Clendenen Row 2: Christopher Rusk, Kevin Cooper, Joshua Monk, Steven Ganzveld, Da-

vid Cooper, Ast. Coach Rick Cunningham Row 3: Coach Doug Greenlee, Zachary DeFries, Jake Wright, Matthew Berdine, Timothy Schoonveld, Ast. Coach Ryan Armstrong

over Knox and North Newton to take home the trophy. "Winning the Cougar Klassic was very exciting. It is something that I will always remember," said senior Kevin Cooper.

Moving into Sectionals Cougars were determined to make it to the championship game. With wins over Knox and Hanover Central that is exactly what they did. Although losing to Andrean in the Sectional Champion-

ship, their season ended with a 17-14 record.

Awards: Co-MVP: Zachary DeFries and Jake Wright, Most RBI's: Jake Wright (41), Highest Batting Average: Jake Wright (.557), Lowest ERA: Christopher Rusk (2.58), Most Pitching Wins: John Miles (5), Most Stolen Bases: Jake Wright (12), Highest on Base Percentage: Jake Wright (.672), Vuko Award: Joshua Monk, Mental Attitude Award: Timothy Hillers



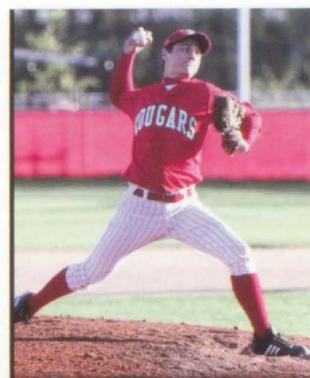
JV: Row 1: Dakota Partin, James Allen, Austin Brewster, Jerzy Dunlap, Zachary Fox, Cody Sekema Row 2: Coach

Aaron Mullinax, Dylan Eckenrod, Nathaniel Smith, Alex Hoffman, Riley Misch, Trent Smith, Devin Ulayki

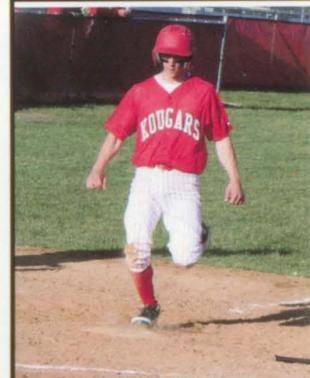




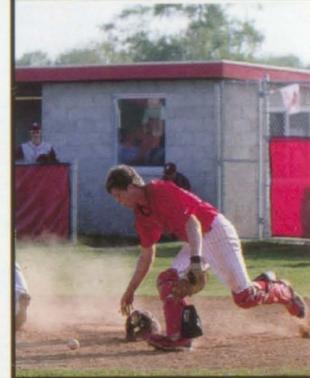
Christopher Rusk throws one of his last pitches as a KV baseball player. "Playing baseball was a major highlight of my high school career. I'm going to miss being out on the field," said Rusk. Photo by M. Retzlaff



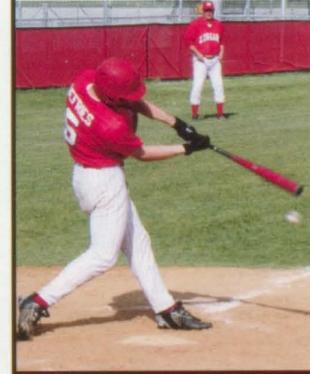
John Miles managed to win a team high five games as a sophomore pitcher. "Pitching is one of the hardest things to master in the game of baseball. It takes a lot of time and dedication to even be a decent threat on the mound," added Miles. Photo by T. Sparks



Playing in his first year of Varsity, junior Bradley Oney used his speed to steal many bases. "Being one of the faster kids on the team was nice because my teammates relied on me to steal bases successfully," said Oney. Photo by M. Retzlaff



Jake Wright finished his senior season with a phenomenal .557 batting average and 41 RBI's. "Finishing my senior season with one of the highest batting averages and most RBI's in the region was a huge accomplishment. It was a great feeling to know that all of my hard work and dedication paid off," said Wright. Photo by T. Sparks



Senior Zachary DeFries hit 12 triples and tied the state record for most triples hit in one season. "Hitting 12 triples in one season is an outstanding accomplishment. It would have been nice to break the record by hitting 13, but I can live with sharing the title," commented DeFries. Photo by M. Retzlaff

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 0 Rensselaer 2	KV 8 Highland 9
KV 4 Hebron 6	KV 8 Griffith 0
KV 4 Griffith 17	KV 7 Lowell 10
KV 8 Lowell 10	KV 19 West Central 0
KV 15 Merrillville 6	KV 12 North Judson 2
KV 2 Andean 11	KV 6 Boone Grove 10
KV 14 Hobart 7	KV 0 Crown Point 11
KV 13 Munster 3	



By Michael Roth & Miranda Retzlaff

When in Doubt, Pinky Out

Walking into the season with heads held high as defending Conference Champs, softball team began their first week of games 4-1. "Starting off the season right after Spring Break was a disadvantage; having no team practices while going into our first games facing two Conference opponents was tough, but we fought through," stated Coach Brian Flynn.

Going into game six on Andrean's home turf fired up the team for a rival game. It was

a pitching battle between seniors Ashley Dobson and Andrean pitcher Nicole Steinbach. "Playing Andrean always gets me pumped up because I always know it will be a close game," said Dobson. Playing the second game against Andrean at home, Lady Cougars represented former players by wearing 20 year old jerseys for the first ever "Throwback Game".

Unlike last year, Ladies went into Sectionals as the "Darkhorse" for another face-off against Andrean for the win. "I

felt confident that we could kill it in Sectionals! We played several good teams to prepare for the tournament. I'm ready to finally beat Andrean for the title," said junior Maribeth Strong.

For the second year in a row, the Lady Cougars sent another All-Star to Indianapolis to play in the North/South All-Star game. Ashley Dobson received this prestigious award on behalf of her outstanding pitching and her clutch hitting, earning the name of "First Team All-State". Also, Alyssa Matson earned the un-

dercalssman award as "All District".

Awards: Most Wins: Ashley Dobson, Best ERA: Taurie Piatt, Most Strikeouts: Ashley Dobson, Best Batting Average: Alyssa Matson, Most RBI: Ashley Dobson, Most Extra Base Hits: Alyssa Matson, Most Stolen Bases: Alyssa Matson, Intensity Award: Ashley Stahl, First Team All Conference: Ashley Dobson, Ashley Stahl, and Alyssa Matson, Second Team All Conference: Lauren Stokes, Honorable Mention: Taurie Piatt.



Varsity Scoreboard

KV 6 South Central 0
KV 2 Lowell 3
KV 7 Hobart 0
KV 7 Wheeler 0
KV 0 Hanover Central 14
KV 2 Andrean 1
KV 5 Highland 2
KV 18 West Central 0

KV 3 Griffith 1
KV 6 Merrillville 0
KV 4 Lowell 0
KV 11 Hobart 0
KV 4 Munster 0
KV 16 Rensselaer 0
KV 3 Hebron 1



"I live for this game, I play not only because I love the game, but for my team. This year started out rough, but we finished with a bang! We are a family," said junior Alyssa Matson. **Matson finished with the highest batting average of (.465) and also broke the Most Hits Record of 47.** Photo by M. Retzlaff





Danielle Ruesken, 10



MariBeth Strong, 11



1. Lindsey Fenstermaker, 11
2. Lauren Stokes, 10
3. Sydney Pumnea, 11
4. Gabrielle Henning, 11



Shouting the chant "Kougar Rumble" Lady Cougars cheer on their teammate for a hit against Knox. "The best part about softball is knowing someone has your back when you mess up. I cheer louder and tell them to keep their head up," said sophomore Alexandria Eggert. Photo by S. Hurst

"I love being a leader for my team and helping to push everyone to work harder and to get better," said senior Ashley Stahl. **Stahl was named Captain and also received the Taylor Cavinder Scholarship.** Photo by S. Hurst



Senior, and Captain, Ashley Dobson finished with an Earned Run Average of 0.84 to finish off her senior year. Dobson also was chosen to play in the All-Star game. "I loved being a senior on the team and being a leader," said Dobson. Photo by S. Hurst



Niemiec was the starting catcher after being the starting second baseman. "I just love to play the game with my friends. Being the catcher, you're always busy and important throughout the whole game. It was my job to protect the most important base to win the game," said junior Brianna Niemiec. Photo by S. Hurst
By Alyssa Matson & Shelby Hurst

It's All in the Hips

Being on the golf team wasn't all strokes and puts, nor was it a one person game. It's a great example of a team sport, because every member has to be focused to maintain the minimum amount of overall strokes to win.

Both teams led a fierce season. "It was a rather challenging and hard season at first, but as time passed, it appeared that it was becoming less challenging for me. I loved the ex-

1. Jacob Stemper, 9
2. Emily Tucker, 11
3. Madison Wireman, 10
4. Brandon Gass, 9



Sophomores Bethany Jansma and Madison Wireman, along with junior Emily Tucker and senior Sydney Robinson converse before a meet starts. "My favorite thing about being on

the golf team was all of the bus rides to and from golf meets, and being able to hang out with all my friends," said junior Emily Tucker. Photo by Z. Wright



Row 1: Joshua Whitaker, Skyler Davis, Ryan Beere, Brandon Gass Row 2: Asst. Coach Jay Beere, Jacob Stemper, Coach

Ron Stanton, Luke Gouwens, Tyler DeHaan, Eric Vorst, Asst. Coach Mr. John Snowden

perience and was happy about my improvement," said freshman Joshua Whitaker.

Girls' Awards: Cougar Spirit Award: Sydney Robinson, Most Improved Award: Emily Tucker, Most Consistent Award: Madison Wireman, Rookie of the Year Award: Tara Beere, and Most Valuable Player Award: Bethany Jansma

Boys' Awards: Most Valuable Player Award: Ryan Beere, Cougar Lunch Pail Award:

Skyler Davis, Most Improved Award: Josh Whitaker, Rookie of the Year Award: Eric Vorst, and Mental Attitude Award: Tyler DeHaan

"My favorite part of Golf was that I got so close to all of the girls. We got along very well, and there was never any drama. Although Golf is a team sport, it's also very much individual, and there's a lot of room for improvement," commented senior Sydney Robinson.



Row 1: Coach Ron Stanton, Olivia Trainor, Bethany Jansma, Sydney Robinson, Emily Tucker, Madison Wireman, Arianna Koppen, Asst. Coach Mr. Jay Beere Row 2: Katie Sanders, Morgan Overstreet, Bailey Richardson, Kara Gouwens, Katy Woolever, Shan-an Patrick, Tara Beere



Senior Sydney Robinson drives the ball for her first swing at Sandy Pines golf course. Robinson played golf for 2 years. *Photo by K. Peterson*



Junior Ryan Beere had a scoring average of 43 for nine holes and 86-87 for 18 holes. "The best part about being on the golf team was being outside and playing golf. The fact that it's a different game every round is great," commented Beere. *Photo by Z. Wright*



Winning the Most Valuable Player Award was one of sophomore Bethany Jansma's biggest accomplishments. "The best part of this golf season was being so close with my teammates," said Jansma. *Photo by Z. Wright*



Achieving his very first Eagle, sophomore Cody Snowden enjoyed a successful second season. "It was my most glorifying accomplishment! Probably the best thing to happen throughout my golf life," explained Snowden. *Photo by Z. Wright*



Junior Skylar Davis had the lowest single nine hole score, at 41. "It's so nice being able to calm down and enjoy myself by playing a game of golf. My teammates make it all that more fun. I really enjoy playing with them," said Davis. *Photo by Z. Wright*

Boys Scoreboard

KV 182	Winamac 200	KV 162	Boone Grove 182
KV 174	Rensselaer 205	KV 182	Knox 224
KV 180	Highland 188	KV 196	N Newton 211
KV 190	Griffith 193	KV 156	Munster 179
KV 178	Hanover 200	KV 181	Lowell 186
KV 174	Wheeler 178	KV 165	Andrean 182



By Zachary Wright

15-Love Nets Victory

Starting off the season with their third new coach in three years, players were a little shaky. Two returning seniors, Abbey Hamstra and Jennifer Anderson, were assigned the responsibility of Captains.

With only four returning varsity players, it was a fight for the next three Varsity spots, which were won by Maranda Brown, Amanda DeRolf, and Paige Sanders.

Although spring brought harsh weather from rain

to scorching heat, players pushed through it. "I hated when it rained because that meant we had to practice inside or our game was canceled," said sophomore Ariel Garcia.

Girls ended their tough conference competition 3-3 under the direction of Coach Kelli Hamstra.

After winning Sectionals, senior Abbey Hamstra advanced to Regionals where she defeated Marquette's Kendall Shinn. In her first state birth, Hams-

tra made it to the quarter finals where she lost to an undefeated freshman. "It was back and forth the whole match. I felt that I played well, I just came out on the short end this time, but I am happy with the way I played today," added Hamstra.

Varsity Awards: Most Valuable Player: Abbey Hamstra, Mental Attitude: Kaylyn Banaszak, Most Improved: Paige Sanders, Team Captains: Abbey Hamstra and Jennifer Anderson

1. Madalyn Steinke, 10
2. Jessica Smundin, 9
3. Amber Southard, 10
4. Kaylyn Banaszak, 11



Sophomore Lexi Hamstra pulls her racket back for a backhand that wasn't able to be returned. She ended up with a victory in her match, with a score of 8-2. Photo by T. Pritt



Playing 2-doubles with junior Amanda DeRolf, freshman Paige Sanders came out on top with a winning season. Sanders was the only freshman on Varsity. Photo by T. Pritt



Row 1: Luke Sanderson (Mgr.), Hayley Hoffman, Jennifer Anderson, Abbey Hamstra, Sydney Robinson, Maranda Brown, Ronald Gatlin (Mgr.)
Row 2: Kaylyn Banaszak, Delaney Hershman, Jessica

Smundin, Paige Sanders, Alexis Howard, Kaylee Engstrom
Row 3: Coach Kelli Hamstra, Madison Babicka, Katelyn Kamminga, Madalyn Steinke, Ariel Garcia, Amanda DeRolf, Lexi Hamstra, Olivia Trainor



On senior night, Jennifer Anderson, Sydney Robinson, and Abbey Hamstra share both tears and memories.

After the game, the girls had pizza and pop for a team meal supported by the rest of the girls. Photo by T. Pritt





Playing on her home court, senior Abbey Hamstra won her first ever Golden Set against her River Forest opponent. "Winning my first ever high school golden set felt so great! Winning 40-love for all six matches was a goal I really wanted to achieve, and did so my senior year," exclaimed Hamstra. *Photo by T. Pritt*



"My favorite thing about tennis would have to be our team bonding times. We played matches, hung out, and relaxed after a much needed week of games. The funniest thing was when Ariel messed up, and I watched her hit herself in the head with her racket," commented junior Hayley Hoffman. **Hoffman won her first doubles set 6-0 6-0 against River Forest.** *Photo by T. Pritt*



Being her first year playing, senior Sydney Robinson made her way up the ladder. "The best part about tennis is knowing that this is one of the last things I am going to be doing in high school, and experiencing it with my two best friends, I wouldn't have had it any other way," said Robinson. *Photo by T. Pritt*



Winning 6-0 on her first Varsity singles match against Thomas A. Edison was junior Maranda Brown's biggest accomplishment. "I love everything about tennis besides the tan. From having games six days out of the week, to the team bondings. There is no drama, and everyone gets along. I'm going to miss my seniors," said Brown. *Photo by T. Pritt*

Varsity Scoreboard	
KV 1 Valparaiso	4
KV 3 Hobart	2
KV 4 N. Judson	1
KV 0 Chesterton	5
KV 1 Munster	4
KV 5 Griffith	0
KV 2 Lowell	3
KV 0 Highland	5
KV 3 Merrillville	2
KV 4 Rensselaer	1
KV 4 Andrean	1
KV 5 Boone Grove	0
KV 5 River Forest	0
KV 4 Lake Station	1



By Maranda Brown & Tyler Pritt

Run Hard When It's Hard to Run

Four seemed to be the number for the Boys' track team which placed fourth in three of their four outings, including the Wheeler Invite, Twin Lakes Relays, and Gene Edmunds Relays.

Finishing the season with 13 wins and 21 losses, and 1 win and 5 losses in Conference, the boys never gave up. "Running on such a young team as a senior made me realize that they have a great high school career ahead of them," said senior

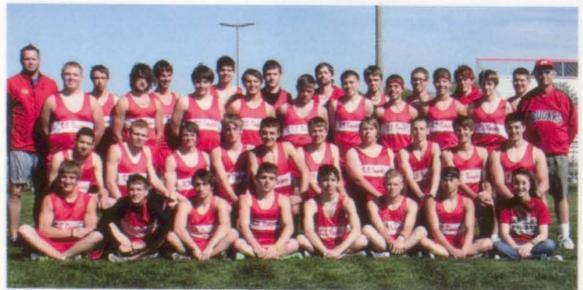
1. Brandon Hazlett, 11
2. Tyler Montgomery, 10
3. Rhenz Almira, 9 & Justin Wicker, 12
4. Cody Jones, 12



Senior Justin Wicker goes for the win on the final stretch to beat out Highland and Lowell in the 100 meter race. "Being a senior was fun, I loved all the memories that added up to this year," said Wicker. Photo by S. Hurst



Freshman Emmett Meise goes for the clear in the Conference meet. This was Meise's first year pole vaulting. "Knowing that I have big shoes to fill gives me the encouragement to try harder," said Meise. Photo by T. Sparks



Row 1: Mark Lukacek, Brandon Martin, Logan Crim, Justin Wicker, Emmett Meise, Nicholas Tiemens, Robert Svitek, (Mgr.) Tatium Caggiano Row 2: Spencer Guerrero, Mike Smith, Eric Philbrook, Dillon Grace, Bryce Gawronski, Adam Sayers, Brendt Mitchell, Trevor Shelhart, Tyler Montgomery, Robert Aguillon Row 3: Cody

Albanese, Justin Early, Skyler Davis, Michael Leonard, Casey Wilson, Stephen Mezzacapo, Travis Conley, Derick Tesh, Stephen Sholey, Coach Dan Roberts Row 3: Coach John Schulte, Brandon Hazlett, Trevor Overstreet, Tyler Black, Tyler Niehoff, Coach Brian Fogarty, Christian Cooper, Cody Jones, Brandon VanSoest, James Freund

Trevor Overstreet.

Being a young team with only six seniors, boys finished third in Sectionals, and also sent four qualifiers to Regionals: Trevor Overstreet for pole vault, Derick Tesh for hurdles, Casey Wilson for shot, Tyler Niehoff for discus, and Mark Lukacek for long jump.

Tesh placed seventh of 18 runners in Regionals for the 300 meter hurdles. Wilson placed ninth of 18 in shot put. Niehoff placed seventh of 18 in discus. "Going

to Regionals as a sophomore for the first time felt unreal. It was such a great experience," said Niehoff.

Awards: Rookie of the Year- Bryce Gawronski, Most Valuable Sprinter- Justin Wicker, Most Valuable Field Events- Casey Wilson, Jim Thorpe Award- Derick Tesh, Academic Award- Cody Jones, Most Valuable Distance Runner- Bryce Gawronski, Team Captains- Casey Wilson, Cody Jones, and Justin Wicker. Head Coach was Dan Roberts.



Freshman Bryce Gawronski runs on the final stretch in the NCC meet that was hosted by

Rensselaer Central. Gawronski ran in the 800 and the 1600. Photo by T. Sparks





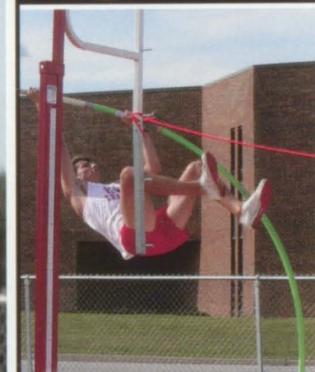
Freshman Eric Philbrook strives to beat his personal record in the long jump. Photo by S. Hurst



"My past experiences with track helped me keep my cool in meets instead of worrying so much. My biggest accomplishment was everything I've learned in the three years I've done track," said senior Casey Wilson. **Wilson advanced to Regionals for the third year in a row.** Photo by T. Sparks



"I like running hurdles because they are challenging. Running as fast as I can with an obstacle in the way is not the easiest," said sophomore Derick Tesh. **Tesh went to Regionals as a sophomore in the 110 meter hurdles, 300 meter hurdles, and high jump.** Photo by S. Hurst



"It's been a fun four years. Breaking the pole vault record was the highlight of my junior year, while also getting second at Sectionals that same year," said senior Trevor Overstreet. **Overstreet placed third for pole vault at Sectionals and advanced to Regionals.** Photo by S. Hurst



"The best part of track was making new friends and having a lot of fun while getting better," said junior Mark Lukacek. **Lukacek placed in Sectionals and advanced to Regionals for a second time. His personal record in long jump, accomplished during Regionals, was 20' 2".** Photo by T. Sparks

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 51 Andrean 80
KV 56.5 Munster 75.5
KV 89 North Judson 43
Wheeler Invite: 4th
Twin Lakes Relays: 4th
KV 120 21st Century 34

KV 51 Lowell 81
KV 49 Highland 82
KV 56 Twin Lakes 76
Gene Edmunds Relays: 4th
NCC Meet: 7th
Sectional: 3rd

By Alyssa Matson

Baby Got Track!



Sophomore Joli Jungels strives to beat her long jump personal record of 16'5". "Long jump is exciting, but also challenging. The form and take off are the key to being successful," added Jungels. *Photo by S. Hurst*



Picking up speed in the 400 meter dash, freshman Kara Gouwens placed 2nd. "The 400 is a very exciting race and is usually close all the way to the finish line," said Gouwens. *Photo by S. Hurst*



Four seniors make for a short, but meaningful night for Laura Stoermann, Angela DeFries, Dayton Dellahan, and Breeanne Babe, who are pictured with their parents. "Running

track was something that I will never forget. All the seniors were like family, and I loved knowing they were always going to be there for me," said Stoermann. *Photo by S. Hurst*

Starting the season off with a strong returning group of underclassmen, Lady Cougars continued to show dominance in the Conference. At the NCC meet, senior Dayton Dellahan, sophomores Gabrielle Martin, Leanna Mulloy, and freshman Kara Gouwens shattered the 1600 relay record with a 4:05.7. "Winning at Conference is always a great feeling, but to break the school record in the process made the

night even more memorable," said Martin.

Sophomore Leanna Mulloy also lived up to her expectations, by breaking the 100 and 200 Meter dash records with times of 12:45 and 16:53 at the NCC.

Determined to win Sectionals, the girls dominated their opponents with wins in the 100, 200, 400, 4x8, 4x4, and 4x1 to advance to Regionals.

In a spectacular night at Chesterton Regionals, Mulloy advanced to the State Finals in

the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Also advancing to state was the 1600 relay team.

State INFO

Lady Cougars finished the season with a 10-1 record. Team was coached by Mr. Lane Lewallen.



Row 1: Toni Stoermann, Breeanne Babe, Ashley Truth, Dayton Dellahan, Laura Stoermann, Elizabeth Masten, Angela DeFries Row 2: Cari Knip, Mykenzie Seegers, Melanie Loslo, Leanna Mulloy, Gabrielle Martin, Audra Lewis, Heather Jaki, Annelise Phillips, Brooklyn Starr, Bethany Jansma, Lacey Myers Row 3: Shanan Patrick, Joli Jungels, Emily Ingram, Katelin Lott, Brittany Stepp, Deanna Hardin, Rachel Krupa, Kaylin Orsburn, Alison Rockley, Hannah Klemp Row 4: Coach Stephanie Call, Kara Gouwens, Michelle Kent, Kailani Tuono, Rebecca Loslo, Coach Dave Veldman, Arianna Koppen, Adanna Oney, Rylie Hoffman, Kesha Molden, Janna Witvoet, Coach Lane Lewallen



Sprinting to the finish line in the 100 meter dash, sophomore Leanna Mulloy places first. Her best time all season was 12 seconds flat. "Sprints always give me a huge adreanline rush. Running as fast as you possibly can all the way to the finish line is very challenging, but always exciting," said Mulloy. *Photo by S. Hurst*



Sophomore Hannah Klemp hurdled for Varsity two years in a row. "Hurdling, in my eyes, is the hardest event in track. As if running full speed and jumping isn't enough, the form is also a challenge to master," said Klemp. Photo by S. Hurst

Even though distance races were sophomore Brittany Stepp's main events, she could also be used as a dual threat in the relay races. "Running the relay races is exciting. I really enjoy the fact that team work is the biggest factor in winning the race," commented Stepp. Photo by S. Hurst

Breeanne Babe topped the charts with a personal record of 9'6" for her senior track season. "Beating my previous personal record my senior year was an amazing feeling. It felt as if all of my hard work had finally paid off," said Babe. Photo by T. Sparks

With a personal record of 12:49.5 in the 3200 meter run, freshman Michelle Kent dominated her opponents. "Running the two mile is not an easy task to do. It takes a lot of preparation and hard work to become a good competitor in this event, especially in our conference," commented Kent. Photo by S. Hurst

Awards

Most Valuable Thrower: Bethany Jansma
Most Valuable Jumper: Breeanne Babe
Most Valuable Distance Runner: Michelle Kent
Most Versatile Runner: Dayton Dellahan
Most Valuable Hurdler: Joli Jungles



Most Valuable Sprinter: Leanna Mulloy
Co-Most Improved Runners: Gabrielle Martin & Brittany Stepp
Co-Kougur Pride Awards: Dayton Dellahan & Allison Rockley

By Michael Roth & Shelby Hurst

Sweet Towers of Confection Offer Night of Perfection

Sequined gowns, tuxedos, perfect nails, hair and makeup, and pictures captured the moments of "The Sweetest Night" on May 5 at the Valparaiso Expo Center. "I will always remember going to my last Prom with Ron Gatlin because he was so much fun! I am going to miss getting ready and dancing for the final time," said senior Felicia Sytsma.

For over 400 teens, the moment of perfection began with Hershey bars and lollipops that were received as reminders of the night to come.

Perfection continued for four students when 8:30 came along and seniors Maxwell Klingaman and Dayton Dellahan took the floor as King and Queen and

juniors Tyler Birk and Rylie Hoffman swung into each others arms as Prince and Princess.

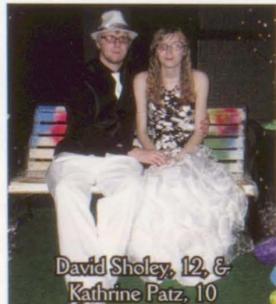
Fist pumping, break dancing and line dancing continued throughout the night as soon as "Shake it For me" and "Starships" played over the speakers.

Tables were decked out with blinking colored glasses filled with Skittles, candy necklaces and little paper umbrellas. Favors included key chains and glasses.

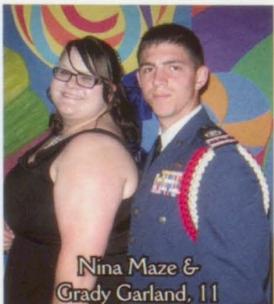
"It was an amazing experience to be able to share with my friends. I met a lot of new people who made my night even better! It was fun to let loose and have a good time. Prom was definitely a night to remember!" exclaimed sophomore Andrew Jackson.

Dancing to the Cha-Cha slide, junior Alyia Beenes, sophomore Brandon Agonis, senior Travis Irvine, and sophomore Kaitlyn Kearney slide to the right in rhythm to the song. "I will always remember the

great times with my friends. I enjoyed dancing with all of them, including my sister Kala! I look forward to attending next year with all of them again!" exclaimed Beenes.
Photo by A. Cobb



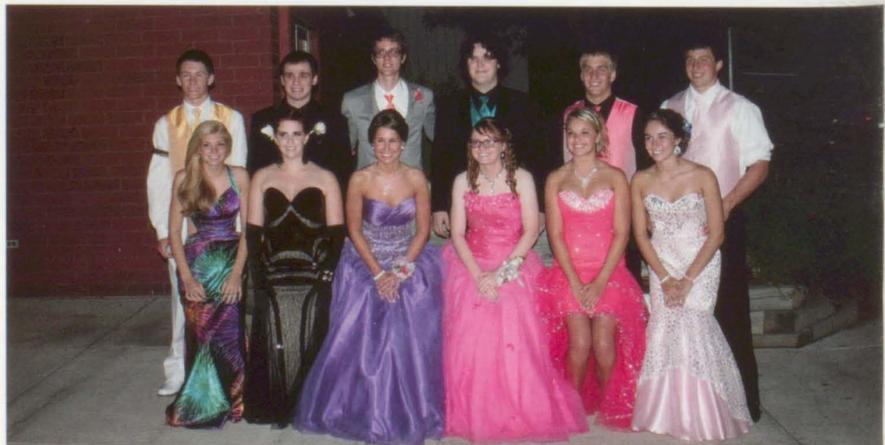
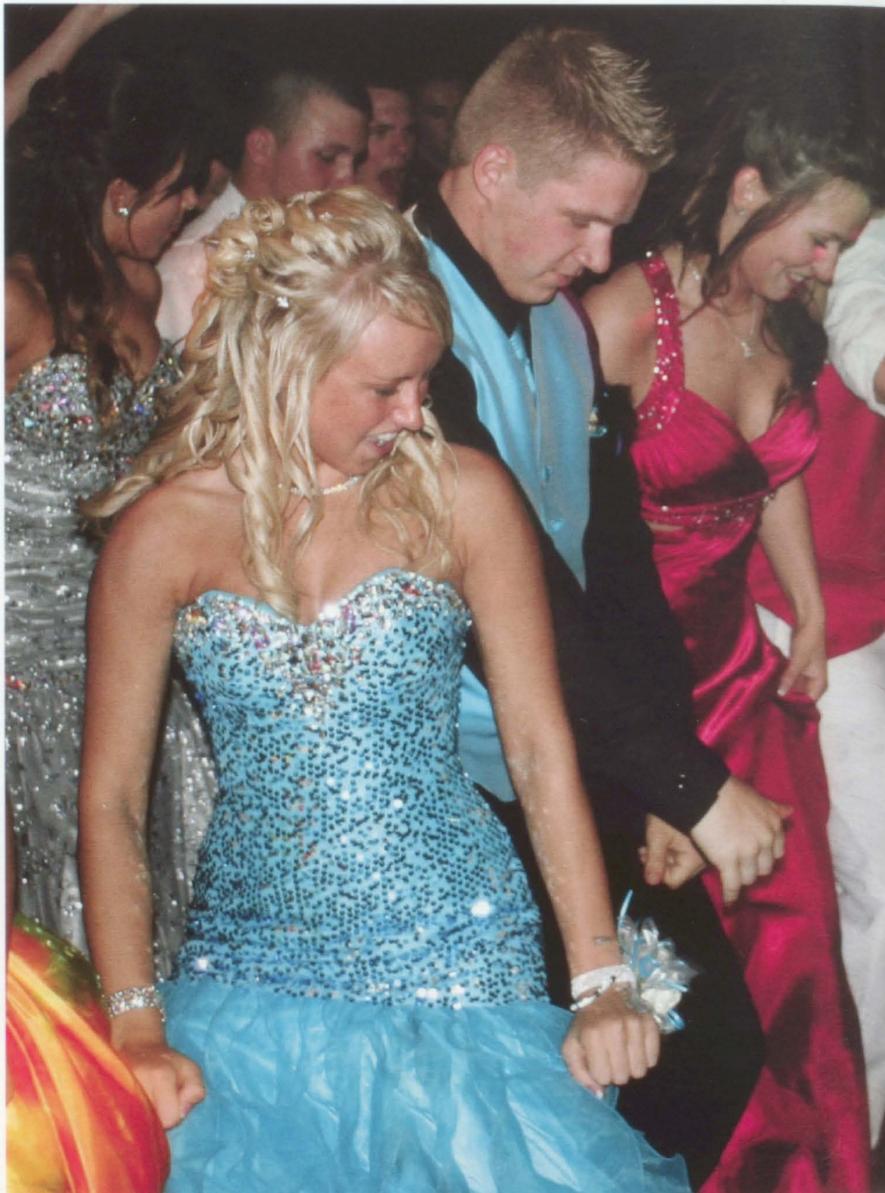
David Sholey, 12, & Kathrine Patz, 10



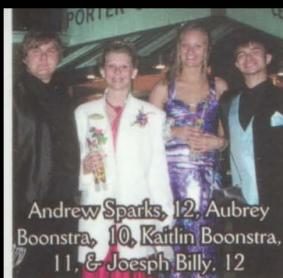
Nina Maze & Grady Garland, 11

Prom Court: Row 1: Dayton Dellahan, Rachel Scott, Jessie Klemp, Caitlin Abel, Rylie Hoffman, Brianna Niemiec Row 2:

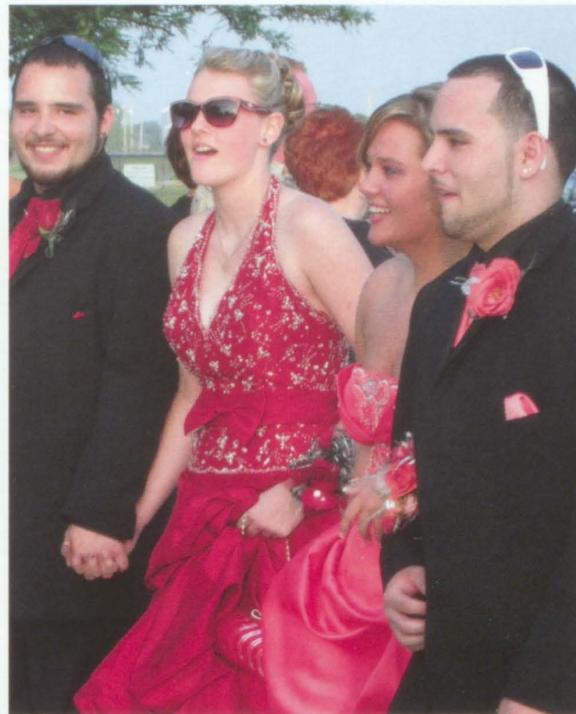
Ronald Gatlin, Steven Scally, Maxwell Klingaman, Francis Allen, Mark Lukacek, Tyler Birk



Beauty, Gowns, Flowers, Crownings, Sweets, Friends, Dates, 'Sweetest Night', Nothing but Memories

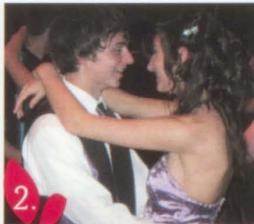


Andrew Sparks, 12, Aubrey Boonstra, 10, Kaitlin Boonstra, 11, & Joseph Billy, 12

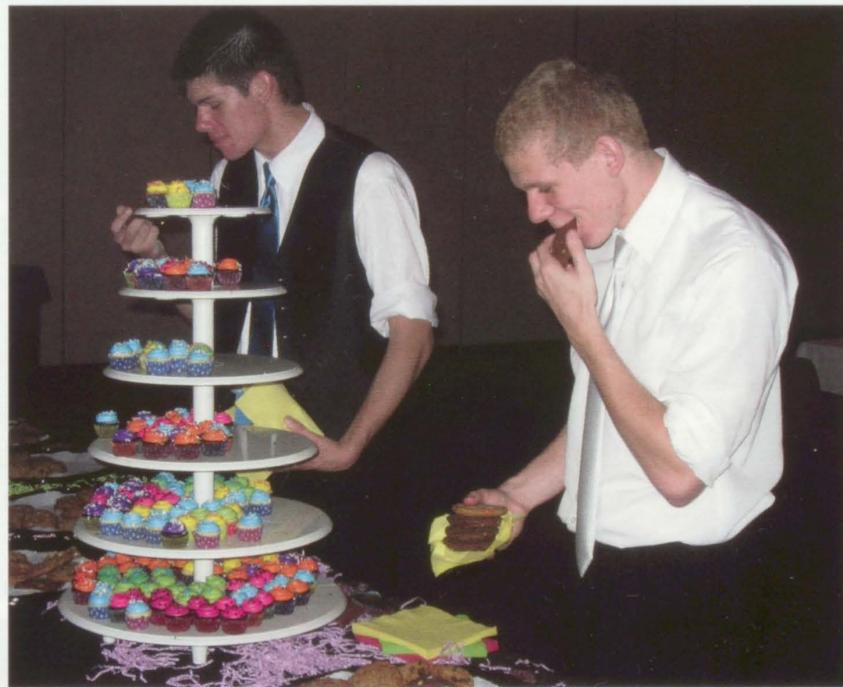


Junior Jeremy Vega, freshman Kaitlyn Boomsma, sophomore Madison DeYoung, and junior Joshua Vega arrive at Porter County Expo Center for Prom.

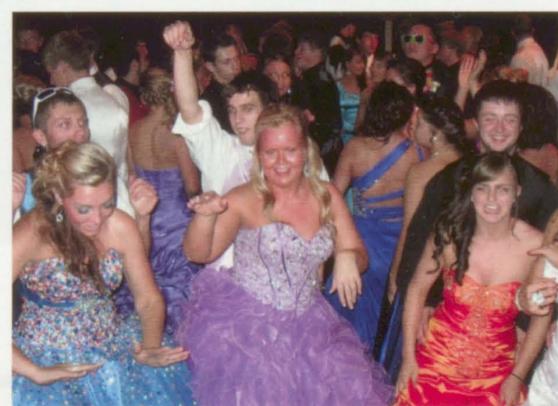
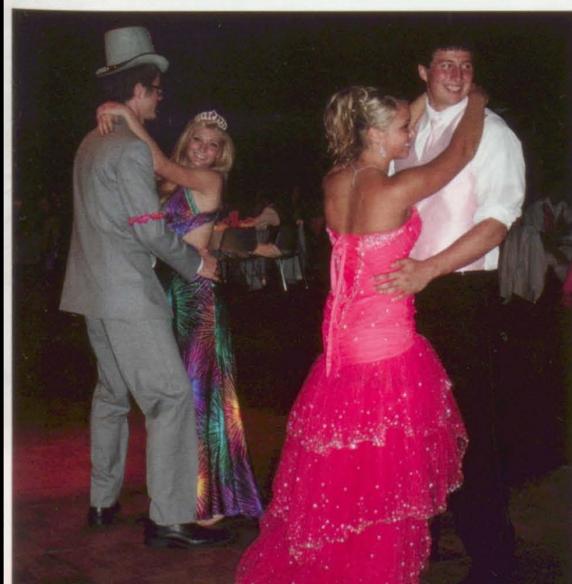
"Going to my first Prom was a blast. Being able to dance all night long was what I enjoyed the most!" exclaimed Boomsma.



1. Daniel Hinchy, 11, & Cassandra Ooms, 9
2. Jacob Allen, 12, & Carlie Guritz, 11
3. Nicole Wisneski & Bradley Ast, 11
4. Timothy Hillers & Tyler Partain, 12



While taking a break, juniors Tyler Black and Michael Smith grab some sweets after a long night of dancing. There was a table full of sweets that consisted of 1,200 mini cupcakes and cookies from Strombos. "Dancing was the most fun by far. The sweets were good. I would have rather had actual food than candy at Prom. The skittles were awesome too, although they got all over people's feet and shoes," said Smith.



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By Bianca Likens

"I loved dancing with all of my closest friends all night long and singing "Tonight, tonight," with them for the final time," said senior Jennifer Anderson.

Far Left: Prom King Maxwell Klingaman, Queen Dayton Della han, Princess Rylie Hoffman, Prince Tyler Birkie share a dance as the winners of the night. "Winning Prom Princess was an honor, but it was even more bittersweet since I won with one of my best friend's boyfriends!" exclaimed Hoffman.

Dance the night away

Beautiful, Friends, Poised, Excited, "Sweet", Dancing, Outgoing, Pictures, Memories

“Prom was really fun! All the candy, cookies, and the mini cupcakes truly made it 'The Sweetest Night'."

-Alexis Tinkel, 11

“I twas such an awesome night. I had so much fun, and I enjoyed spending the time with my friends. I'm glad I got the chance to experience this, since we don't have Prom in Germany. It was just another American adventure."

-Wiebke Luhrs, 11

“Prom was a great night for us seniors to be care free and make our last memories together before we graduate!"

-Breanna Oakes, 12

“I was so nervous on stage. Time went by so slowly. Then, suddenly they called my name. I was so ecstatic and stunned, I forgot where I was for a minute! It was so surreal."

-Maxwell Klingaman, 12

“My favorite part of Prom was seeing all my friends dressed up and having a good time. I can't wait for next year!

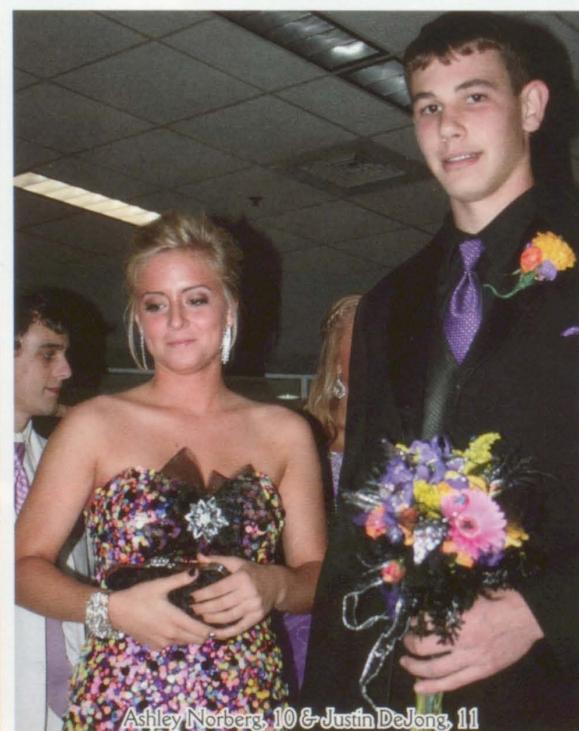
-Kaylin Orsburn, 10

“Prom was amazing! I had such a great time going out to eat with my boyfriend and dancing all night long with my friends. It was a great end to my senior year."

-Brittany Gillespie, 12



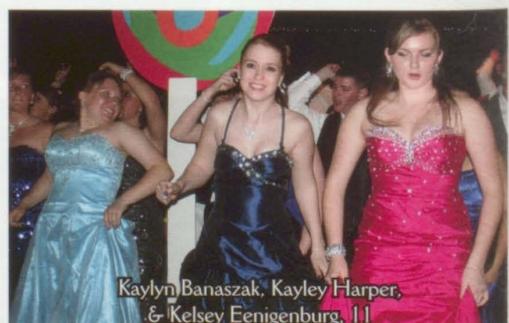
Vincent Lynch, 11 & Adelaide Cobb, 12



Ashley Norberg, 10 & Justin DeJong, 11



William Sutton & Collin Andrusko, 12



Kaylyn Banaszak, Kayley Harper, & Kelsey Eenigenburg, 11



12:00 pm
Hair Appointment



2:00 pm
Flowers



4:00 pm
Pictures



6:00 pm
Dinner



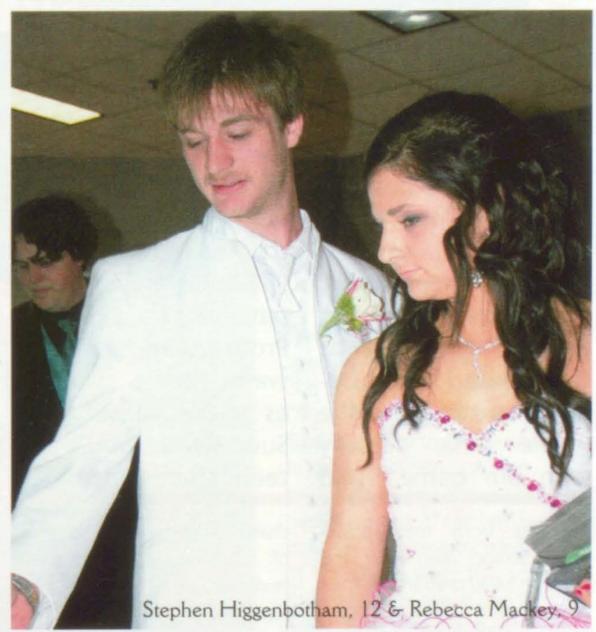
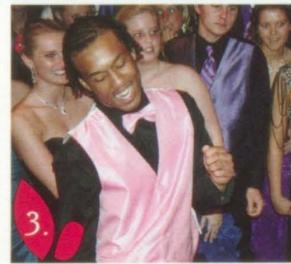
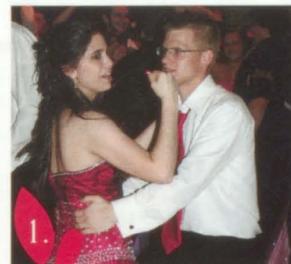
7:00 pm
Arrive



Jacob Vujko, 11 & Alexandra Eggert, 10

1. Hannah McDaniel, 11, & Nicholas Tiemens, 12
2. Kerrie Morrenz, 12, & Laura Estrada, 11

3. George Blackwell, 11
4. Christopher Rusk, 12, & Mackenzie Misner, 11



Stephen Higgenbotham, 12 & Rebecca Mackey, 9

HE SAID

"I liked dancing and having a good time with all of my friends. My favorite song to dance to was Flex."

-Joel Bolen, 11



SHE SAID

"Prom was great. From dancing with friends to taking a group picture with 19 people. The whole night was amazing!"

-Lindsey Fenstermaker, 11



By Shelby Hurst
Photos By Yearbook Staff
& Tara Kingma



8:30 pm
Crowning

9:00 pm
Dancing

10:30 pm
Snacking

11:00 pm
Getting pictures taken

12:00 pm
Leaving

Midnight Magic adds Sparkle

Snacks, games and laughter made staying up until 3a.m. fun for the 150 students who attended Post Prom.

SADD sponsored the event held at Inman's where students enjoyed pizza, desserts, bowling, go karts, billiards, and arcade games. "Post Prom was so much fun because everything was already paid for," said junior Brady Powers.

When students walked in, they were drawn to the bowling lanes and the tables filled with cookies, cupcakes, cheese trays, and pizzas. "Bowling was so much fun. I was so surprised when Desie, who struggled the whole time, actually won our game," said

junior Emily Myers.

At 2:40 the door prizes were announced. Senior Adelaide Cobb and junior Andrea Wireman each won a \$100 Family Express Gas Card. Nook tablet went to senior Steven Scally, and Taryn McDaniel took home a Kindle Fire. An 8Gb iPod Touch was given to senior William Sutton. Lastly, after eyeing it for weeks, senior Patience Richie won the 32" flat screen TV. "I was so amazed and surprised about winning the TV. I never win anything. So, it was a huge shock!" exclaimed Richie.

Neon orange T-shirts, part of the \$20 Post Prom ticket, lit up the warm May 6 morning as SADD adviser, Mrs. Sue Kwitkowski, bid teens a safe trip home.

Running from their opponents, seniors Sean Kelley and Kathryn Maki prepare for their next move in their water fight. "Sean, Ashley, Jordyn, and I combined all of our tickets from the arcade games to pur-

chase water guns for all four of us because they looked really fun. The best part was squirting random people. We got into a hilarious squirt gun fight with Ms. Howard!" exclaimed Maki. *Photo by A. Cobb*

Buckled up and ready to go, seniors Austin Neeley, Breanne Babe, juniors Andrea Wireman, Dillon Kerns, seniors Matthew Clark, and Lucas Grube wait for the signal

to begin the race. "I lost the first round because my go kart died, but in the second round I beat all four guys that I was racing!" exclaimed Wireman. *Photo by A. Cobb*



Immigrant's, Bowling, Corn Hole, Go Karts, Tickets, Prizes, Desserts, Mini Golf, Billiards, Memories

Wiebke Luhrs, 11



Lined up and ready for their game of mini golf, sophomore Katherine Patz, seniors David Sholey, John Cardaras, Scott Gesiakowski, and junior Candice Eck watch as junior Jordan Kroll takes her first shot. "The best part of playing mini golf was watching David and John chase each other with golf clubs. It was pretty funny," giggled Kroll. Photo by A. Cobb



1. Jacob Scholz, 11
2. Tasha Jones, 12
3. Ashley Stahl, 12, & Sabrina Misak, 11
4. Jesse Slawnikowski, 11



Watching their opponents take their turn, juniors Jacob Smith, Eric Hoffman, Dillon Kerns, and Jacan Geeve wait for their chance to win their game of corn hole, one of the many activities outside of the bowling alley. "My favorite parts of Post Prom were the go karts and mini golf. I had a really great time being able to relax and have fun with my friends," said Hoffman. Photo by A. Cobb



Juniors Kaylyn Banaszak and Lindsey Fenstermaker attempt to make par in their game of mini golf. "I am absolutely horrible at mini golf."

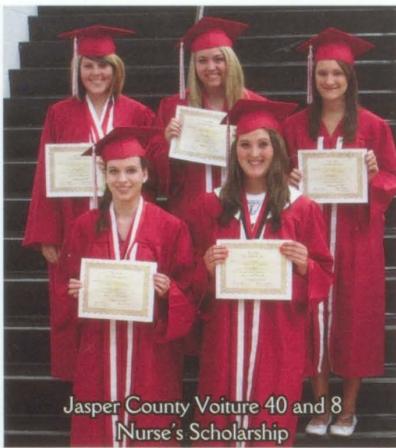
I never seem to actually get any decent scores, but my friends made me play anyway!" exclaimed Banaszak. Photo by A. Cobb

Responding to the operator's jokes, junior Jacob Weaver and senior Kimberly Peterson prepare for the start of the race. "The operator helped keep me awake because I was laughing at his jokes so much," chuckled Weaver. Photo by A. Cobb

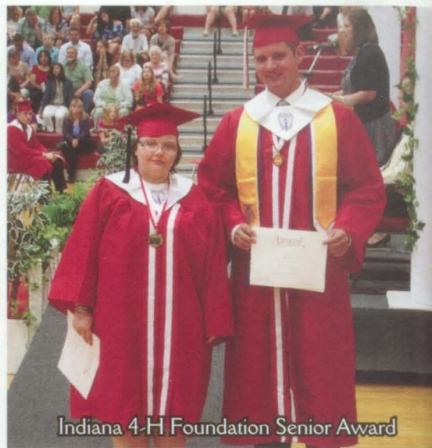
By Adelaide Cobb



NWI Sportsmanship Scholarship



Jasper County Voiture 40 and 8 Nurse's Scholarship



Indiana 4-H Foundation Senior Award

National Honors Society

Morgan Bell, Jordyn Boomsma, Adelaide Cobb, Brittney Ferris, Chelsea Fulkerson, Abbey Hamstra, Stacey Herrema, Jessica Hoffman Nathan Kingma, Jessie Klemp, Courtney Marsh, Elizabeth Masten Taryn McDaniel, Stephen Mezzacapo, Kerrie Morenz, Breanna Oakes, Steven Scally, David Phillips, Alice Santell, Rachel Scott, Tyler Steinke, Lindsey Swim, Taylor Thompson, Brett Walther, Felicity Way, Brianna Vanderhere, Brittney Young.

Academic All Conference

Brittney Ferris

Band and Orchestra

Francis Allen, John Cardaras, Charles Curtis, Chelsea Fulkerson, Scott Gesiakowski, Jessica Hoffman, Tasha Jones, Tyler Lynch, Elizabeth Masten, Taryn McDaniel, Kara Ooms, David Phillips, Alice Santell, Rachel Scott, David Sholey, Andrew Sparks, Lindsay Strong, William Sutton

Kolor Guard

Caitlin Abel
Courtney Marsh
Kerrie Morenz

Choir Awards

Francis Allen, Cynthia Brubaker, Kimberly Kuhns, Kerrie Morenz, Kara Ooms, David Phillips,

Alexius Rodriguez, Rachel Scott, Victoria Swinford, Jordan Wright

Outstanding Concert Choir

Kara Ooms, David Phillips

FFA Senior Sashes

Melanie Christopher, Lucas Grube, Kelsey Jefferson, Nathan Kingma, Andrew Marcus, Darian Myers, Blake Norberg, Zachary Ratliff, Tyler Steinke, Alyssa VanderWall, Travis Yates

FFA Scholarship

Kelsey Jefferson

Jasper County Art League Award & Scholarships

Adelaide Cobb: Sketchbook and \$100, Angela DeFries: Sketchbook and \$50

Mentor Awards

Jennifer Anderson, Morgan Bell, Megan Bennett, Adelaide Cobb, John Conley, Amanda Ferrell, DesaDarea Hachlida, Stacey Herrema, Taylor Isajewicz, Nathan Kingma, Jessie Klemp, Nicole Luckey, Megan Luedtke, Courtney Marsh, Stephen Mezzacapo, Kimberly Peterson, Sarah Poe, Steven Scally, Ashley Stahl, Taylor Thompson, Felicity Way

Quill & Scroll Awards Scholarships

Caitlin Abel
Kimberly Peterson

Quill & Scroll Honor Cords

Caitlin Abel, Tamberlain Clare, Adelaide Cobb, Bianca Likens, Kyle Neff, Kimberly Peterson, Nicole Shebesh

Kougar Head for Four Years of Active Service to Kougar Pride Yearbook

Bianca Likens
Kimberly Peterson

Building Trades & Construction Material Certificates

Denton Dowell, David Cooper, Kevin Cooper, Ryan Hale, Sam Kmiec, Ryan Melendez, Zachery Miller, Jake Wright, Travis Yates, Shane Young

Welding Certificates

Kyle Agonis, Joshua Evans, Travis Irvine, Nikolas Zoppetti

United State Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete

Zachary Ratliff
Abbey Hamstra

United State Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence

Stephen Mezzacapo,
Abbey Hamstra

Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence

David Phillips
Elizabeth Masten

Northwest Crossroads Conference Male/Female Athlete of the Year

Dayton Dellahan
Trevor Overstreet

Northwest Crossroads Conference Scholar Athlete Team of the Year

Cody Jones, Steven Mezzacapo, Tyler Steinke, Morgan Bell, Abbey Hamstra

Super Senior Recognition

Jennifer Anderson, Jordyn Boomsma, Angela DeFries, Shelby Hickman, Jessica Hoffman, Taylor Isajewicz, Tasha Jones, Jessie Klemp, Megan Luedtke, Darian Myers, Breanna Oakes Trevor Overstreet, Kimberly Peterson, David Phillips, Sarah Poe, Zachary Ratliff, Steven Scally Tyler Steinke, Lindsey Strong, Taylor Thompson

Foreign Exchange Student Recognition

Michal Baldowski – Poland Host Family - John and Janet Perzee
Marv and Martha Sekema Parents - Tadeuz and Maljorata (Theodore and Margaret)

Monica DiDo – Italy Host Family – Timothy &

Gloria Kreischer, Parents – Antonio & Emanuela DiDo

Wiebke Luhrs – Germany Host Family – Frank and Penny Hines

Zhicheng Xin – China Host Family – Frank and Penny Hines

Pedro Araruna Diogene Teixeira – Brazil Host Family – David & Kathie Steinbert

National Merit Scholarship Program
Stephen Mezzacapo

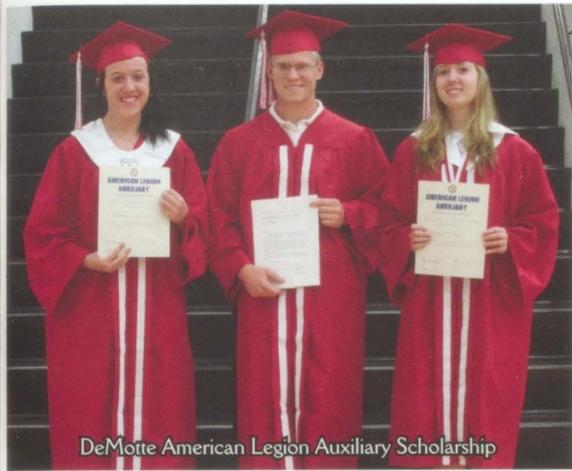
Ivy Tech Community College Valedictorian Scholarship
Stephen Mezzacapo

Saint Joseph's College
Caitlin Abel, John Conley, Forelli Demski, Taylor Isajewicz, Lucas Grube, Marie Magiera, Joshua Monk, Jordan Wright, Breeanne Babe

Butler University Trustee Scholarship
Francis Allen

Indiana University Northwest Chancellor's Merit Scholarship
Jennifer Anderson
Megan Bennett

Special Academic Scholarship
Zachary Gladdis



DeMotte American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship



United States Marine Corps



Kaylah Sutton Memorial Scholarship

Purdue University

Academic Excellence:

Brittney Ferris

Agricultural Excellence:

Nathan Kingma

General Scholarship:

Melonie Christopher

Tallahassee Community College Athletic Scholarship
Ashley Dobson

University of Southern Indiana University Departmental Scholarship
Jordyn Boomsma

Anderson University Distinguished Student Scholarship
Taryn McDaniel

Indiana State University Scholarships
Courtney Marsh, Jessica Hoffman, Alice Santell, Laura Stoermann

Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
Bepko Scholars and Fellows Program & Deans School of Science Scholarships: Stephen Mezzacapo
Dean of Faculty Scholarship: Steven Scally

Saint Ambrose University
Academic Scholarship:
Kerrie Morenz

Grace College Miller Merit Award
Nicholas Tiemens

Indiana University Academic Scholarship:
Chelsea Fulkerson, Elizabeth Masten, David Phillips

Hudson and Holland Scholarship
Brittney Young

Miami University of Ohio
Tyler Steinke

Valparaiso University Gift Award: DesaDarea Hachlica, Taylor Thompson

Presidential Scholarship:
Cody Jones, Morgan Bell, Kimberly Peterson, Lindsey Swim

Wabash College
Brett Walther

Ed Bahler Sr. Innovation and Construction Scholarship Sponsored by FBI Buildings
Trevor Overstreet

Taylor Cavinder Memorial Scholarship
Ashley Stahl

DeMotte American Legion
\$500 Scholarships:
Tyler Steinke, Tasha Jones, Zachary Ratliff, Courtney Hoffman

\$1,000 Scholarships:
Jessica Boyer
Tori VanVuren

DeMotte American Legion Auxiliary
\$ 500 Scholarship:

\$1,000 Scholarships:
Nicholas Tiemens

Kankakee Valley Women's Club Scholarship
Four Year College Scholarship
Tyler Steinke, Lindsey Swim

North West District Indiana Federation of Clubs General Federation of Women's Clubs Nurse's Scholarship
Sarah Poe

Wheatfield American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship
Courtney Marsh

Devin Dorn Memorial Scholarship
Trevor Overstreet

Jasper County Farm Bureau Agriculture
Nathan Kingma

KVHS Athletic Booster Scholarship
Tyler Steinke
Tori VanVuren

NWI Sportsmanship Scholarship
Zachary DeFries

Kaylah Sutton Memorial Scholarship
Jessica Hoffman

Wheatfield Alumni Scholarship
Kerrie Morenz

Educational License Plate Scholarship
David Phillips

Kankakee Valley Teacher's Association Scholarship
David Phillips

Jasper County REMC Nesius Memorial Scholarship
Tyler Steinke

Indiana 4-H Foundation Senior Award
Alice Santell, Tyler Steinke

Jasper County Republican Women Scholarship
Nicholas Tiemens

US Steel Scholarship
Lindsey Swim

Richard G. Lugar
Camille Webster

American Red Cross Scholarship
Taylor Isajewicz

Jasper County Voiture 40 and 8 Nurse's Scholarship
Megan Bennett, Jessica Boyer, Tasha Jones, Courtney Marsh, Sarah Poe

Hoosier Open Senior Dance Solo Scholarship
Amanda Ferrell

Presbyterian Women's Association Scholarship
John Cardaras

Partnership for Drug Free Jasper County
Justin Wicker

DeMotte-Kankakee Valley Rotary Scholarship
Tyler Steinke
Breanna Oakes

DeMotte Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Award
Joshua Monk

Brian Berg Memorial Scholarship
Morgan Bell

Belstra Milling Scholarship
Lindsey Strong
Lucas Grube

Wilbert Hamstra Scholarship
Tyler Steinke

Kankakee Valley Community Scholarships
Brian Curtis, Jessica Hoffman, Tyler Steinke

Kankakee Valley Corporation Educational Foundation Scholarship
Brianna Vanderhere

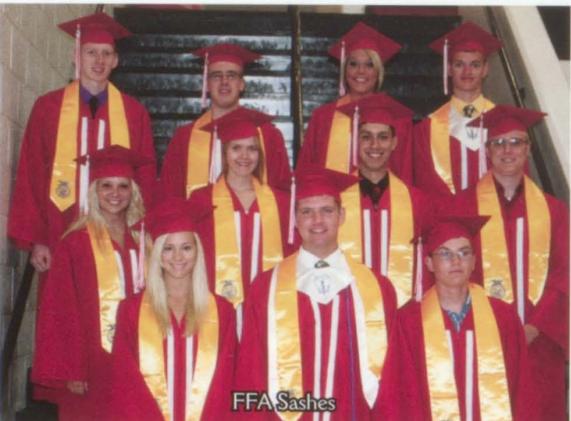
Grace Pampel Education Scholarship
Courtney Marsh

Ed Ramey Scholarship
Alyssa VanderWall

“1...2... and We’re Through!”



National Honor Society



FFA Sashes



Quill & Scroll Honor Society

Hope Scholarship Jordyn Boomsma

Dr. Cecil E. & Mrs. Gladys

Johnson Scholarship

Kerrie Morenz \$2,000
Lindsey Swim \$1,500
Courtney Marsh \$1,500
Sarah Poe \$1,500
Jordyn Boomsma \$500
Courtney Hoffman \$500
Tasha Jones \$500
Lindsey Strong \$500
Brianna Vanderhere \$500

Lilly Endowment Community Finalist Tyler Steinke

Lilly Endowment Community Winner Jessie Klemp

Technical Honors Diploma Recipients

Brandon Jenkins
Kyle Neff
Zachary Ratliff
Christopher Rusk
Cody Voight

Academic Honors Diploma Recipients

Caitlin Abel
Francis Allen
Jennifer Anderson
Michal Baldowski
Morgan Bell
Megan Bennett
Jordyn Boomsma
Peggy Boufis
Jessica Boyer
Garrett Butler
Melonie Christopher

Tamberlain Clare
Matthew Clark
Adelaide Cobb
Samuel Cowser
Brian Curtis
Alexa Danta
Ana Davila
Angela DeFries
Zachary DeFries
Dale DeHaan
Dayton Dellahan
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Brittney Ferris
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Jessica Nichols
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Kimberly Peterson
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Sarah Poe

Marcial Rodriguez
Alice Santell
Steven Scally
Rachel Scott
Nicole Shebesh
Ashley Stahl
Laura Stoermann

Lindsey Swim
Felicia Sytsma
Taylor Thompson
Nicholas Tiemens
Brianna Vanderhere
Tori VanVuren
Brett Walther
Felicity Way
Camille Webster
Brittney Young

Academic/Technical Honors Diploma Recipients

John Conley
Darian DeVries
Ronald Gatlin
Zachary Gladdis
Abbey Hamstra
Jeffrey Hershman
Cody Jones
Austin Neely
Trever Overstreet
Dustin Rigdon
Tyler Steinke
Justin Wicker

Top Ten in Alphabetical Order

Morgan Bell
Jordyn Boomsma
Abbey Hamstra
Jessica Hoffman
Jessie Klemp
Elizabeth Masten
Stephen Mezzacapo
Taryn McDaniel
David Phillips
Tyler Steinke

Salutatorian Abbey Hamstra

Valedictorian Stephen Mezzacapo



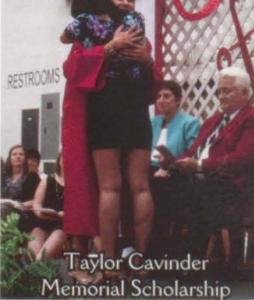
United States Marine Corps
Distinguished Athlete



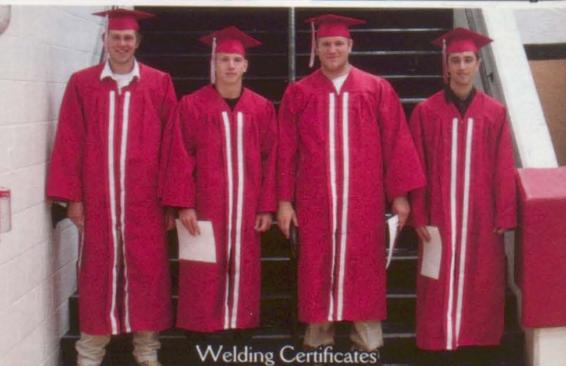
Choir Awards



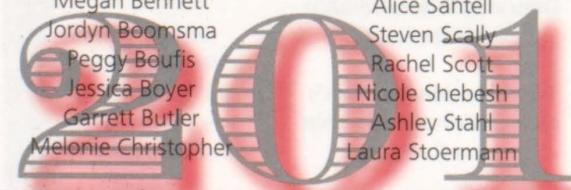
Devin Josef Dorn
Memorial Scholarship

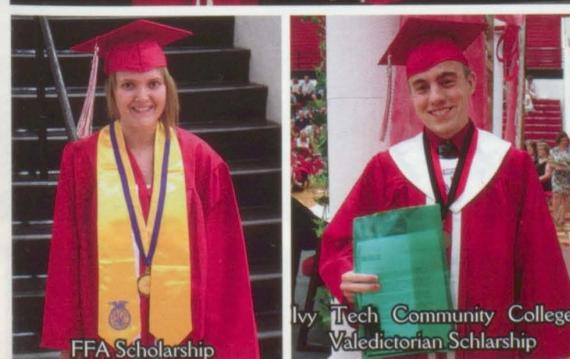
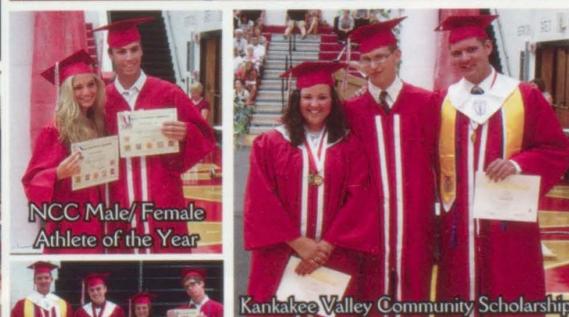
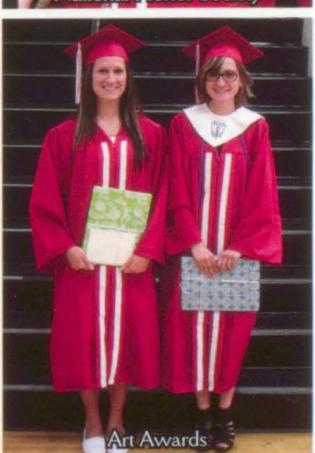
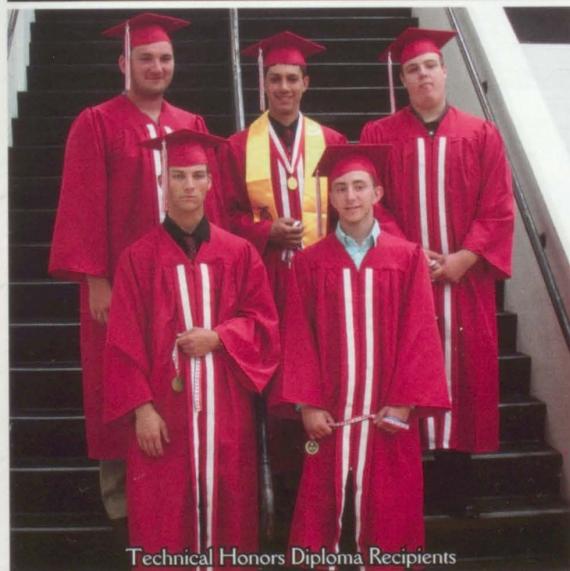
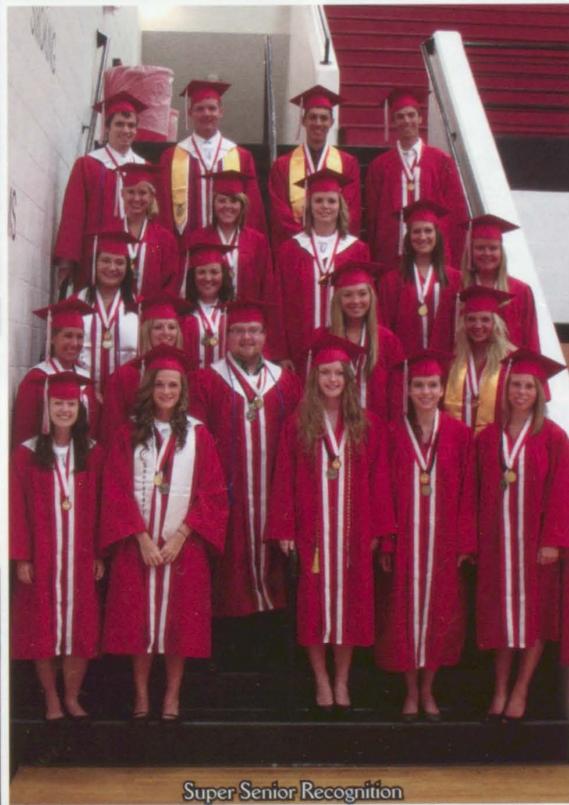
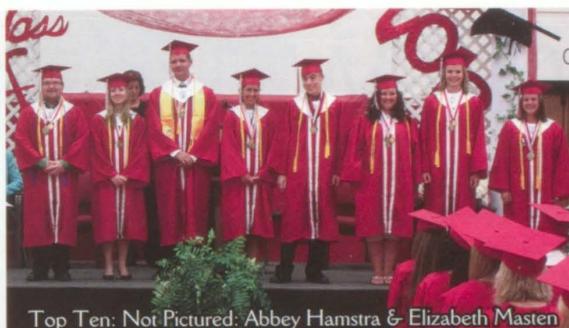


Taylor Cavinder
Memorial Scholarship



Welding Certificates





"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." —Eleanor Roosevelt

Class of 2012, We'll be Just Fine

On June 10 at 2pm, 198 graduates entered the gymnasium for the final time as the Class of 2012. After a warm welcome by Principal Keeman Lobsiger, graduates listened closely as Salutatorian Abbey Hamstra honored parents and friends in her speech.

Stepping up to the podium Valedictorian Stephen Mezzacapo asked the audience to raise their right hand and then place the hand on the shoulder to their right. "Now, I can say that my speech touched the audience," he said.

After a collective laugh, Mezzacapo announced that many speeches had two items: a one word theme and recognition of the few students who wanted to be lawyers, doctors,

and CEO's. Even though Mezzacapo's theme was "cliche", he made a point of not making his speech be full of them.

Mezzacapo pointed out the various career paths of specific individuals who looked beyond doctors, lawyers, and CEO's. He called out those who wanted to go into the work force, the military, and medicine, giving an accurate portrayal of the Class of 2012 and its diversity.

President Tyler Steinke ended his speech with thanks to teachers and the community.

Band performed "Legend of the Sword," and the choir brought tears with their performance of "Things That Never Die."

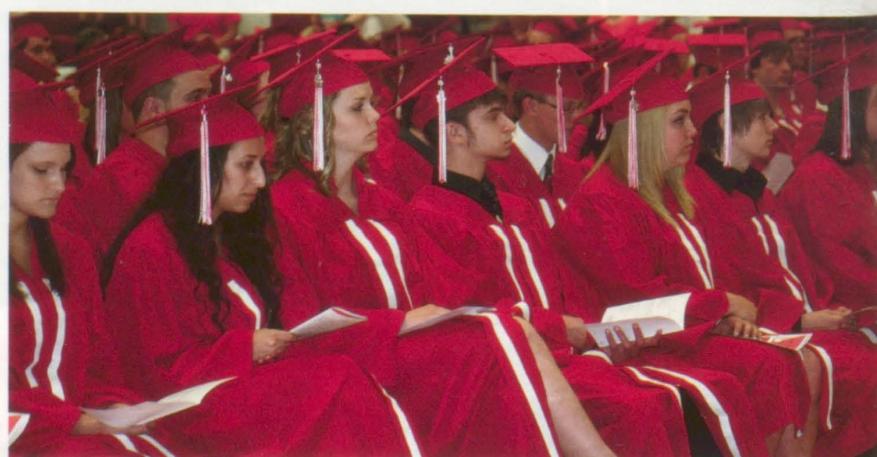
After handing out diplomas, Principal Keeman Lobsiger announced the class of 2012 graduated.

Mr. Keeman Lobsiger proudly announces that the Class of 2012 has completed all state and local requirements in order to graduate. In response, Francis Allen, along with many of his classmates, threw his

cap in the air in celebration. The band began playing, and graduates walked out of the gym for the last time. In the hallways, family and friends gathered to congratulate them. *Photo by Tatiana Adams*

Jessica Boyer, Peggy Boufis, Jordan Boomsma, Joseph Bily, Megan Bennett, and Lucas Bencze anxiously wait for their names to be called to receive

their diplomas. During practice, students received their diplomas twice and shook hands with the principal. *Photo by Tatiana Adams*





Garrett Butler, Cassandra Burden, and Cynthia Brubaker join the line of graduates. They awaited Mr. Robert Heid's signal to approach the stage. Due to Friday's practice, Graduation was completed in 75 minutes. Photo by Tatiana Adams

After receiving her Honors diploma, Brittney Ferris proudly walks down the ramp. Ferris also received her NHS sash, Student Council, and Academic Team awards. Photo by Tatiana Adams



1. Camille Webster & Taylor Thompson
2. Andrew Keister & Nicholas Junglas
3. John Cardaras
4. Taryn McDaniel & Faith McDaniel



Valedictorian Stephen Mezzacapo, Salutatorian Abbey Hamstra, and Class President Tyler Steinke anxiously wait to give their inspiring and motivational speeches. Photo by Tatiana Adams



Kara Ooms plays her clarinet for one of the last times with her high school band. The band played "Legend of the Sword". This song was very

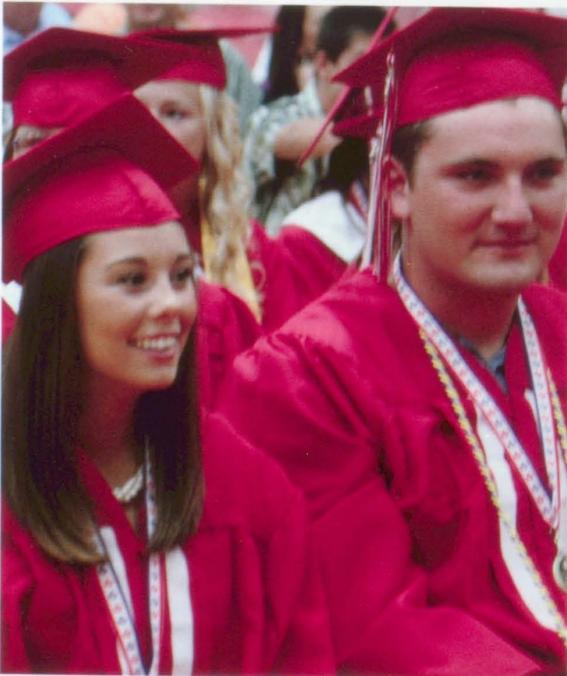
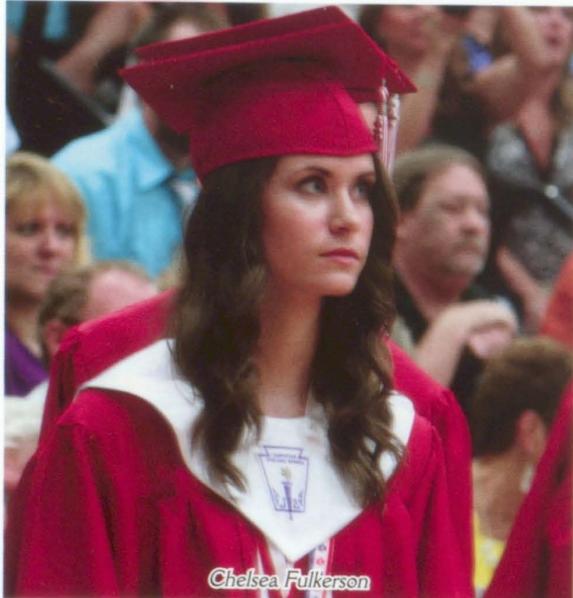
powerful and appropriate as students listened to the song's words that were sung by the males in the band. Photo by Tatiana Adams

Newly graduated Nicholas Zoppetti, Shane Young, William Sutton, and Collin Andrisko celebrate their special moment. Photo by Tatiana Adams

By Sarah Poe

"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it." -William Arthur Ward

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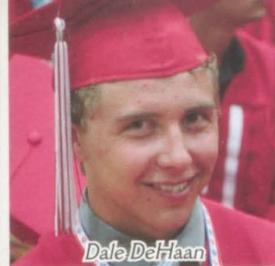
Fiorelli Demske, Cynthia Brubaker, Victoria Swinford, and Kara Ooms sing their last song with their high school Concert Choir. Before they performed

"Things That Never Die," Choir Director Ms. Faletto gave a heart warming and powerful speech to her graduating students. *Photo by T. Adams*

Grasping the hand of Superintendent Sharon Sanelli, Andrew Sparks accepts his diploma. Behind him, School Board President Robert Misch checks the name on the next

diploma as Principal Keeman Lobsiger waits to read the graduate's name. Andrew's father was the school's official senior photographer.

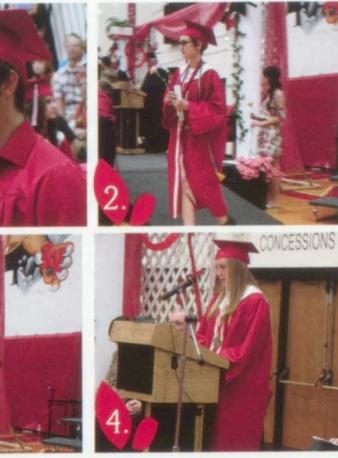




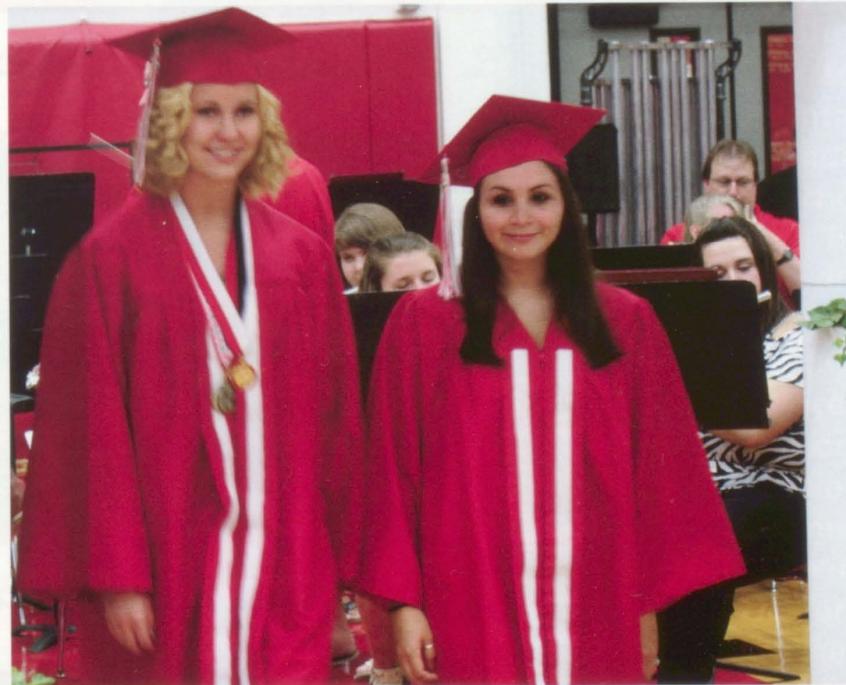
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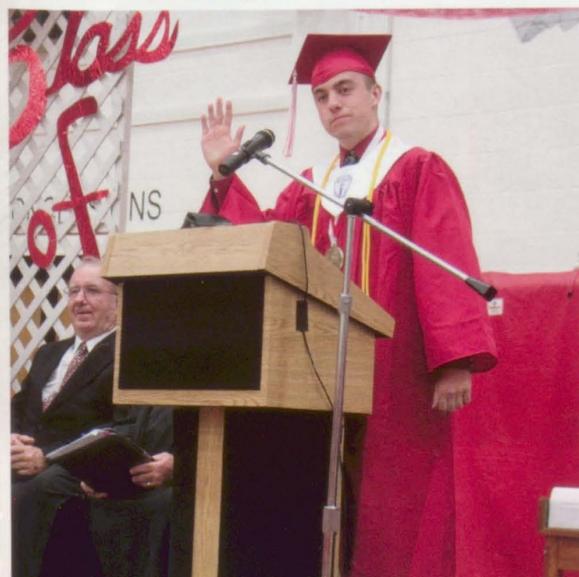
Clad in numerous awards, Kimberly Peterson proudly descends from the podium to receive her class flower. "It was such a memorable day, and the last time that I would be with my class as a whole. It was a little bit



1. Jordan Dykhuizen
2. Adelaide Cobb
3. Taylor Freckleton
4. Abbey Hamstra



Megan Leudtke and Lindsay Lopez slowly walk into the gymnasium as the band introduces them. Students were asked to find their partners, line up together, stay straight in line and pause before walking out onto the gym floor. Photo by T. Adams



Valedictorian Stephen Mezzacapo asks the Class of 2012 and the audience to raise their hands and touch the person next to them. He

then said that at least now he had "touched the audience" no matter what. Mezzacapo used this joke to open his speech. Photo by T. Sparks

By Sarah Poe

"The tassel's worth the hassle."

Row 1: Sarah Poe, David Phillips, Jamie Philbrook, Kimberly Peterson, & Tyler Partain Row 2: Natasha Stuppy, Lindsey Strong, Laura Stoermann, Ashley Stahl, and Andrew Sparks
Photo by E. Poe

Super Seniors

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." - John Quincy Adams



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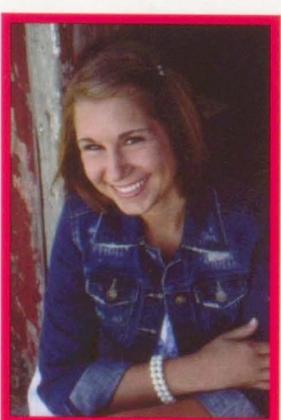
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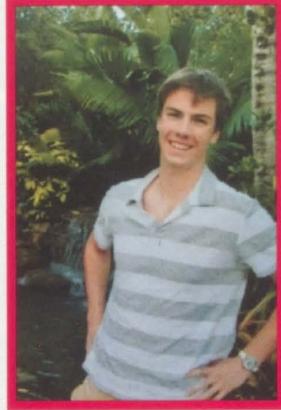
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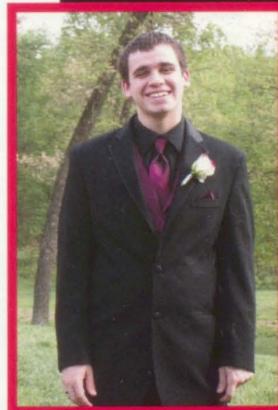
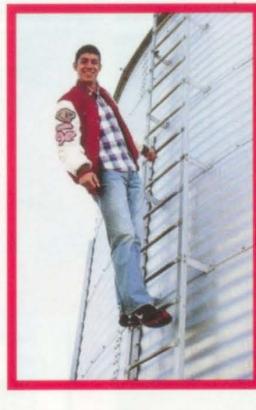
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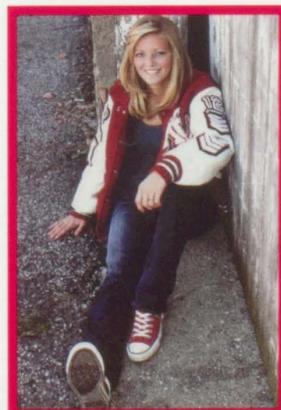
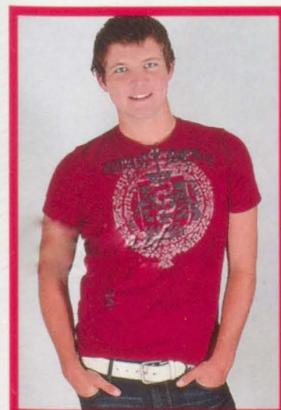
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With a new and improved system, 21 Super Seniors were recognized for their superb accomplishments during their high school career. With the help of a board consisting of seniors Steven Scally and David Phillips, the new criteria was set at the beginning of first semester. Super Seniors must: maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA, have no record of cheating, have no expulsion/suspension records, maintain a minimum 95% attendance rate, follow all school rules and policies, have no violation of Indiana state laws or policies, participate in volunteer/community service, be involved in one or more leadership positions, be active in a minimum of two extra curricular activities, have a reference from a KVHS teacher.

At awards night, these 21 students received medallions and certificates of honor. The group also attended a luncheon with Mr. Keeman Lobsiger on May 22 at Marcellas.

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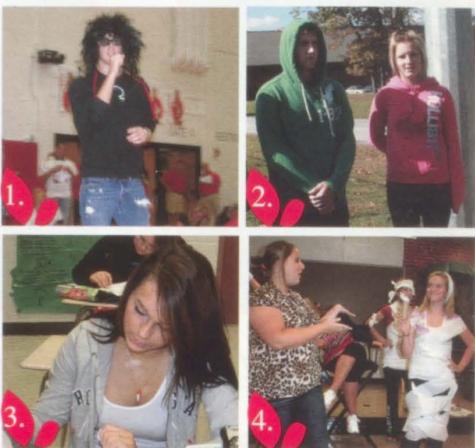
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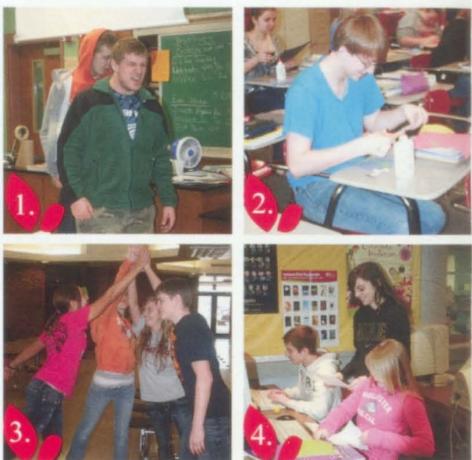
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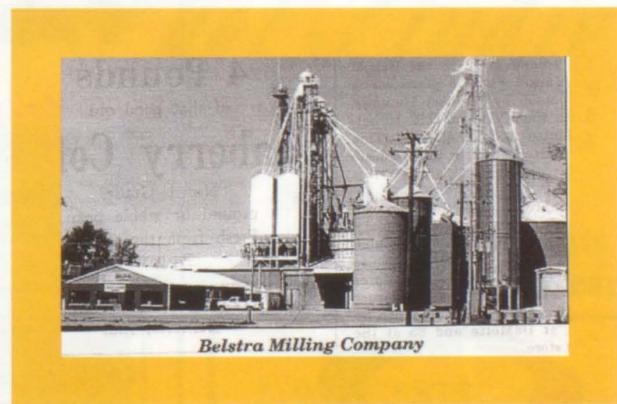
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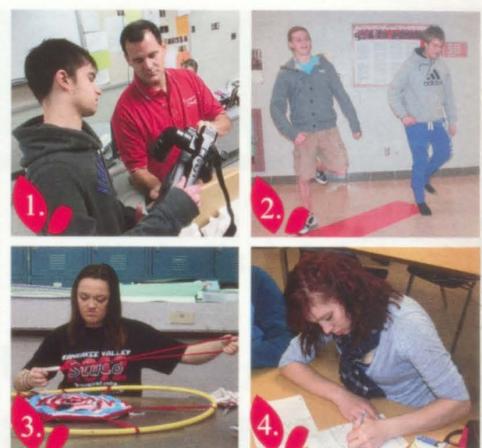
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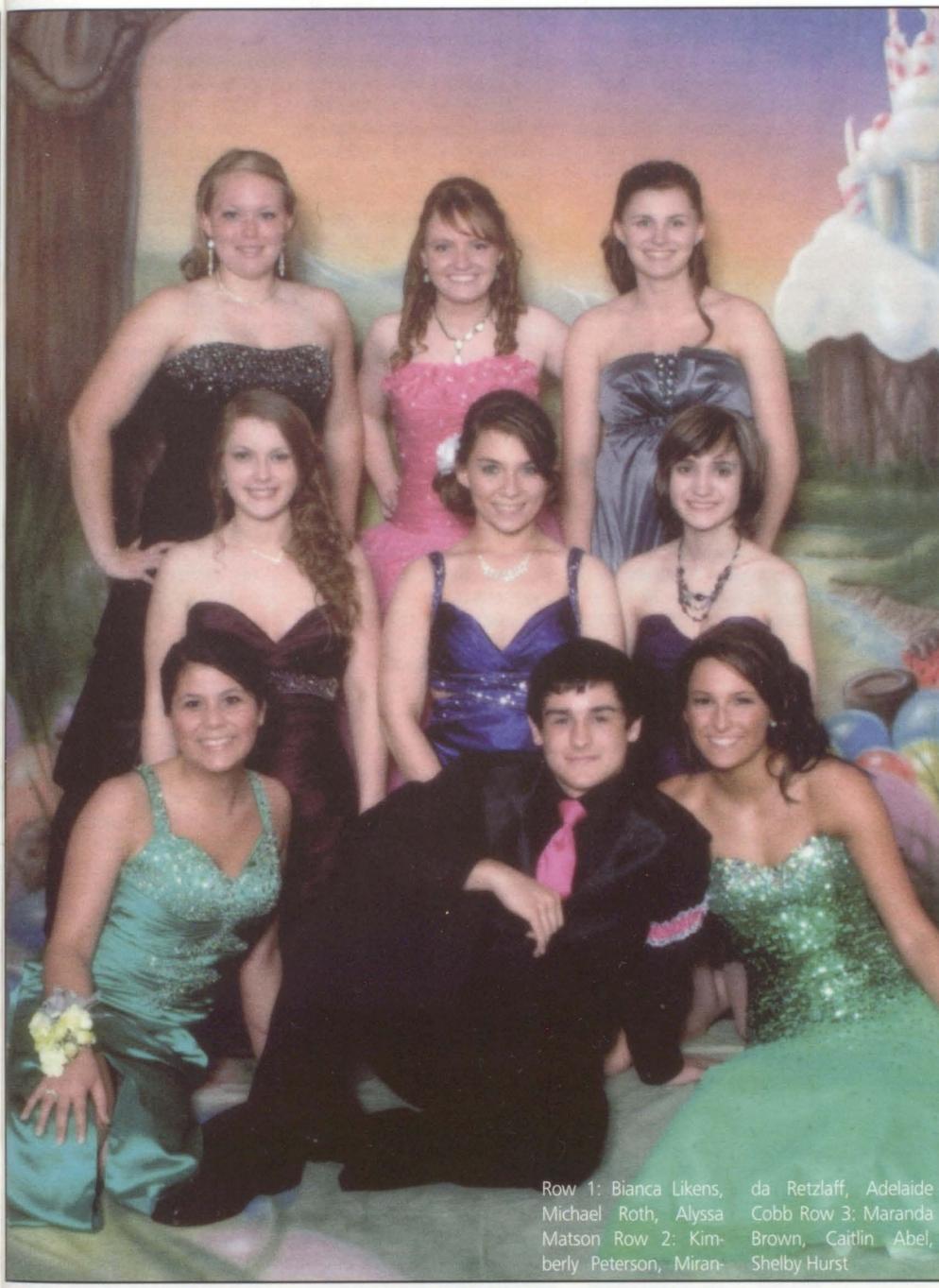
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Final Good-Byes For Yearbook Seniors

As we all part, all I have to say is thank you to all the 'yards'. Yearbook has taught me to deal with hectic times, deadlines, and unwanted stress. It's been a long and wonderful journey that has impacted my life greatly for the last four years. I would not change any of the drama, laughs, or tears for anything. For the last four years, these people, the 'Pride' staff, became the family that I didn't know would exist in high school. To Mrs. McKinney, we had our ups and downs, but no matter what I always looked up to you, and I am glad you have always been here for me. I'm not saying good-bye, but a simple 'see you later'. Thank you everyone for everything!" exclaimed Bianca Likens.

I am not one for good-byes, but I am good at expressing my emotions. I have laughed. I have most defiantly cried, but through it all I knew my fellow staffers were there for me. When I was told yearbook wasn't easy, I didn't quite understand what they meant. I have grown to understand how hard it truly is. There are things I will never forget, even if I really want to. Even though I was only here for two years I cannot remember a time when I was not with my yearbook family. So I guess I have to do what I am avoiding and say good-bye. I may be a thousand miles away, but I will always hold you guys close to my heart, and you will never be forgotten," said Adelaide Cobb.

Saying good-bye to anybody is hard enough, but when it's saying good-bye to your family, it's that much harder. In my last three years, yearbook has brought me more stress and joy than anything else. It has taught me to work hard and pay attention to the little things in life. Mrs. McKinney has taught me so much. I don't know what I'm going to do next year without her and my fellow yards. We have grown so close, we really are a family. We have all laughed together and cried together. From locking people in hotel bathrooms, to freaking out over spreads, yearbook is an experience that I wouldn't trade for anything in the world. I love all of you and will miss you yards more than you even know," said Caitlin Abel.

In my four years in yearbook, I've learned so much about leadership, responsibility, and hard work. To be honest, this class has helped shape me. I wouldn't be the person I am today without Mrs. McKinney, Bianca, and my fellow yards. This is not only a class to me, it's a family, and the back room feels like home. There were horrible moments, but underneath all of those, there were great moments. There is no better feeling than seeing your name on a spread in a published book, or being awarded for all the hard work and dedication we put into that book," explained Kimberly Peterson.

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Pride was printed by Herff Jones in Edwardsville, Kansas and serviced by In-plant Lisa Merino and local representatives Rod and Julie Glenn.

The cover was designed by Kimberly Peterson, and was a representation of the theme and the school through a tree with branches and descriptive words.

Endsheets, designed by Caitlin Abel, portrayed a timeline along with leaves and branches to represent the theme and the school year.

Pride's 200 pages were printed in full four color on 100 pound bordeaux special gloss paper. All body copy was set in 11pt CartoGothic Book type font. Captions were in 9pt, set in CartoGothic Light type font. Headline font size varied, but was set in Della Robia type font. Pride was desk top published using Adobe InDesign CS2 on six OPI-PLEX GX 520 DELL computers.

Thousands of pictures were taken with three Canon Rebel XTI digital cameras. Senior pictures were taken by Spark Shot Studios, and Underclass Photos were provided by Interstate Studios.

At publication, about 425 yearbooks had been sold at a cost of \$55-65, depending on the date of purchase.

Kougar Pride Staff is a member of JEA, NSPA, Q&S, and IHSPA. Pride Staff was awarded an "Excellent Overall Yearbook AA Staff" at Ball State Jerd Day.

This book has been produced by high school journalism students. In spite of numerous proof reading by the students, the editors, the adviser, and the administration, any errors that may have occurred are absolutely unintentional.

Branch Out For new Beginnings

As the year came to an end, as finals were taken and lockers were cleaned, the class of 2012 said goodbye to a school that had been a part of them for years. Meanwhile, freshmen were only newly adjusted and juniors were now counting down the days until they would slip on their own red gowns.

During the last three days of school, finals were given in various forms. Mr. Adams' AP English students created a logic puzzle, a limerick, and a rant for their final, while Mr. Lovely's French students were required to translate and write a paragraph in French.

Band was awarded with the Indiana State School Music Associa-

tion All-Music Award. This was achieved through their gold performances in Marching Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band, as well as having a soloist and an ensemble make it to State competition.

Girls' Sports teams finished second in the All-Sports Conference standings. Track members sophomore Leanna Mulloy, freshman Kara Gouwens, sophomore Gabrielle Martin, and senior Dayton Dellahan all advanced to State. Senior Zachary DeFries tied a Baseball State record for triples when he scored his 12th.

With the above achievements and the title of a four star school to show for it, both the school year and the Class of 2012 went out with a bang.

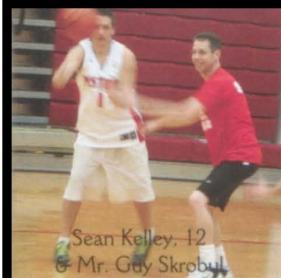
Senior Art students Maxwell Klingaman and Adelaide Cobb dig the pit for their fire in late May. Students dug the pit themselves in order to fire their

clay creations. This was an educational experience as artists were learning and doing ceramics as the art was originally invented. *Photo by A. Welch*

for their accomplishments throughout their high school careers. In addition to lunch, they received medallions on Senior Awards Night.



Graduation, Changes, Memories, Awards, Promises, Finals, Summer, Last Day, Final Goodbyes



Sean Kelley, 12
& Mr. Guy Skrobol



Environmental Club participates in a Highway Cleanup in May. Members picked up trash along Highway 10 after school. Sophomore



Samantha Greathouse wore a reflective vest so she could easily be spotted by oncoming drivers. Photo by A. Welch



1. Shanan Patrick, 9
2. Jessica Boyer, 12, & Shelby Hurst, 11
3. Pamela VanderWoude, 10
4. Natasha Stuppy, 12



Congratulating the Softball Captains, Assistant Athletic Director Mr. John Gray hugs seniors Ashley Stahl and Ashley Dobson after their Sec-

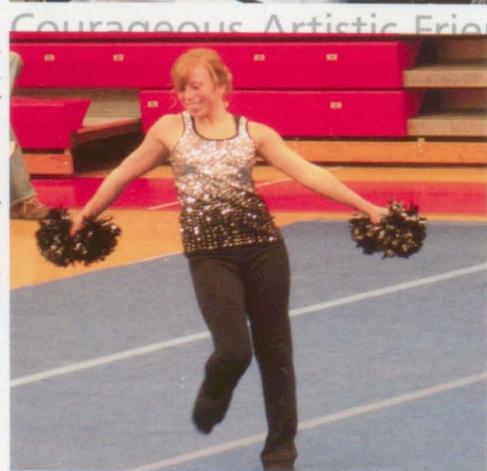
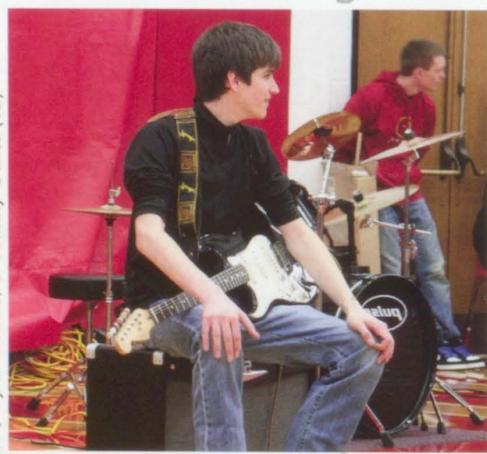
tional loss. The team played a hard defense game, only losing by one home run against State Champions Andrean.

Newly inducted members of National Honor Society participate in a candle lighting ceremony. After the ceremony, which current members also attended, there was a small reception that students' families could attend to celebrate their induction. Photo by K. Peterson

Sophomore Grace Huddleston is absorbed in her book (acting as Belle from *Beauty and the Beast*) as the others sing about how odd she is. For their final, Theater Arts II performed a music video to a variety of Disney songs from five movies that told the story of new found love through the Disney princesses set in more recent times. Photo by A. Cobb

By Kimberly Peterson

Branching Out to Be...



1. Amanda Ferrell (12), 2. Stephanie Scally (11), 3. Mitchell Chorzempa (10), 4. Josh Monk, Ronald Gatlin, Tyler Steinke, & Johnny Oakes (12)

Beautiful Intelligent Helpful Nice Poised Respectful

Proud Courageous Artistic Friendly Special Accepting Confident

Kind Hearted Understanding Amazing Hard-

Unique Encouraging Dazzling Talented

Inquisitive Honorable Loyal Outstanding

Exuberant Superb Honest Involved Responsible

Useful Cooperative Ambitious Passionate

Glorious Inspiring Wonderful Beautiful Intelligent

Respectful Proud Courageous Artistic Friendly

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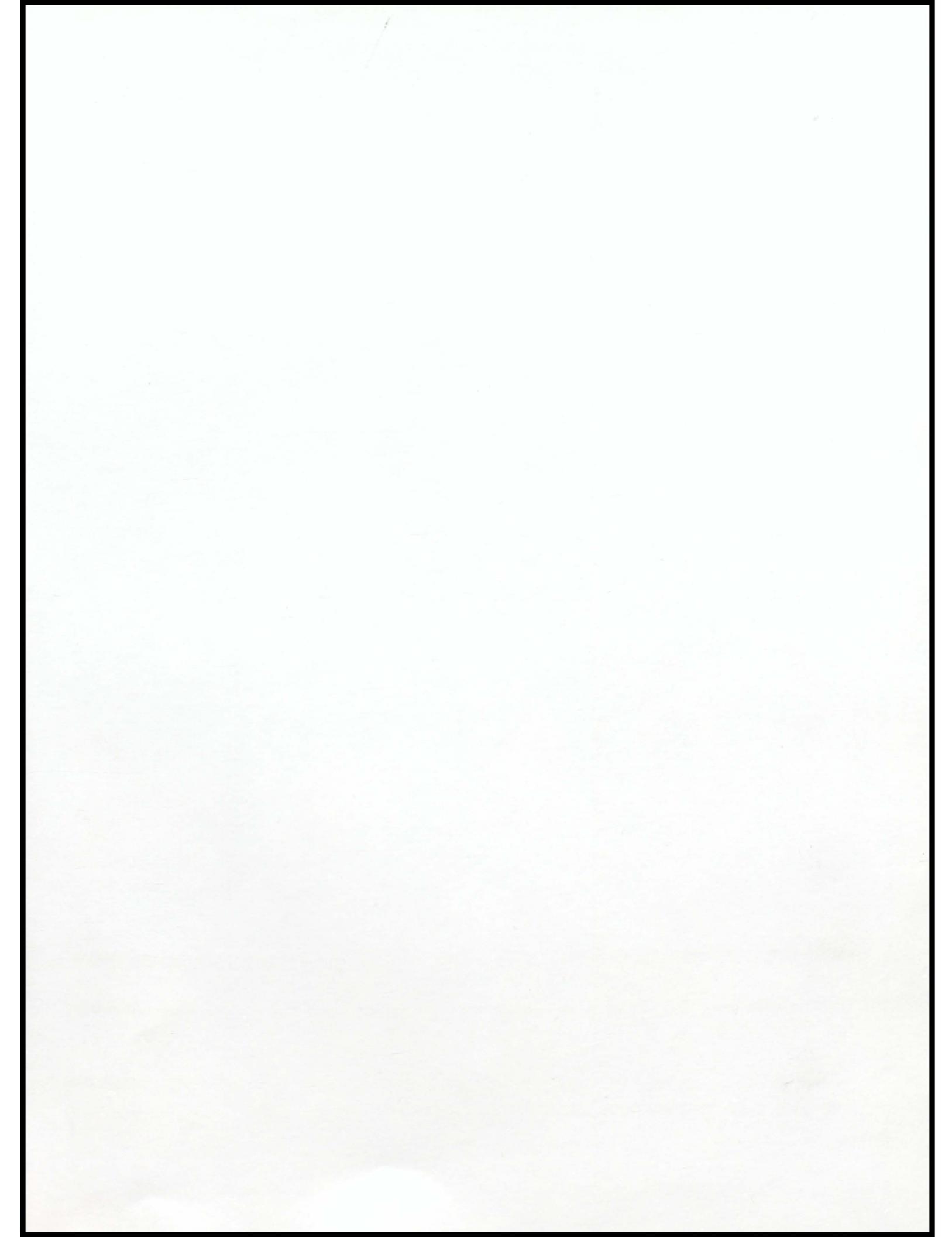
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Environmental

Members went bowling as an activity during the winter. They also went ice skating and started an organic garden. (Stephanie Sabol, 11)

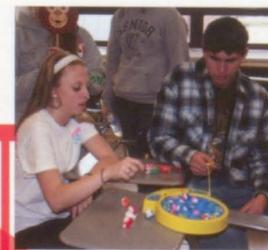


Ambitious

Confident

Yearbook

Students created a yearbook that received an "Excellent" rating. (Bianca Likens, Kimberly Peterson, Caitlin Abel, and Adelaide Cobb, 12)



Drama Lit

Celebrated a Medieval Festival by playing games. (Aubrey Allee and Zachary Miller, 12)





FFA

Senior Melonie Christopher was named FFA Sweetheart. (Mr. Guy Skrobul, Maldyln Steinke, 10, and Travis Yates, 12)



SADD

Sold bracelets to raise money for Post Prom. (Kerrie Morenz, Peggy Belfis, and DesaDarea Hachlca, 12)

Boys' Swim Team

Had an exceptionally good season, where Zachary Ratliff broke two records.



Home Economics

Made a lunch for the North-Central Association Team. (ShyAnna Herubin, 12)

